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EIGHTY-TWO SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEYS HONORED IN THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA®

PHOENIX (**September 7, 2007**) Snell & Wilmer announced today that **82** of the firm's attorneys were named *The Best Lawyers in America* 2008 (Copyright 2008 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, S.C.). The annual publication lists the best of the nation's legal representatives, as determined by their peers, in their respective practice areas. The new *Best Lawyers* edition names **43** attorneys from Snell & Wilmer's Phoenix office. The firm's Tucson office has six attorneys listed, for a total of **49** attorneys from the state of Arizona to be recognized on the list, more than any other Arizona-based law firm.

Collectively, the Snell & Wilmer attorneys listed represent virtually every area of business and legal practice, including antitrust law, business litigation, bankruptcy, banking law, corporate, construction law, employee benefits, health care law, intellectual property, labor and employment law, natural resources law personal injury litigation, real estate law, securities law, tax law, trusts and estates, and gaming law.

Best Lawyers bases its listings on an exhaustive year-long survey of the legal profession in which attorneys nationwide are asked to rate the top practitioners in their jurisdictions. The current edition of Best Lawyers is based on more than two million confidential evaluations by the top attorneys in the country. Best Lawyers also conducted thousands of extensive telephone interviews with leading attorneys throughout its balloting process. Corporate Counsel magazine has called Best Lawyers "the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice."

Following are Snell & Wilmer's attorneys included in the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Costa Mesa

Joseph L. Coleman (Banking Law, Real Estate Law), Frank Cronin (Labor and Employment Law), Richard A. Derevan (Appellate Law), David W. Evans (Trusts and Estates), Albin H. Gess (Intellectual Property Law), Robert "Hoot" J. Gibson (Commercial Litigation), Roger A. Grad (Tax Law), Timothy J. Kay (Trusts and Estates), Steven A. McHolm (Real Estate Law), William S. O'Hare (Commercial Litigation, Legal Malpractice Law), Joseph W. Price Jr. (Intellectual Property Law), James J. Scheinkman (Corporate Governance and Compliance Law) and Gary Wolensky (Product Liability Litigation).

Denver

Kevin P. Hein (Franchise Law), Lee Mickus (Personal Injury Litigation).

Las Vegas

Patricia J. Curtis (Real Estate Law), **P. Gregory Giordano** (Gaming Law), **Robert Richard Kinas** (Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law), **Leon F. Mead II** (Construction Law), and Stephen B. Yoken (Real Estate Law).

Phoenix

Robert C. Bates (Real Estate Law), Don W. Bivens (Commercial Litigation), John J. Bouma (Antitrust Law, Commercial Litigation, Legal Malpractice Law), Nancy K. Campbell (Employee Benefits Law), Sheila Carmody (Mass Tort Litigation), Jon Cohen (Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Securities Law), James R. Condo (Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Legal Malpractice Law), Jeffrey W. Crockett (Communications Law, Energy Law, Water Law). Barbara J. Dawson (Commercial Litigation), Michael Donahey (Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, Corporate Law), Matthew P. Feeney (Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Mutual Funds Law, Securities Law), Donald L. Gaffney (Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law), Paul J. Giancola (Health Care Law), Barry D. Halpern (Commercial Litigation, Health Care Law, Medical Malpractice Law, Professional Malpractice Law), Charles F. Hauff, Jr. (Intellectual Property Law), William R. Havden (Labor and Employment Law), Thomas R. Hoecker (Employee Benefits Law), Joel P. Hoxie (Commercial Litigation), Sid Leach (Intellectual Property Law), Daniel McEvers Mahoney (Venture Capital Law), Richard Mallery (Real Estate Law), Daniel McAuliffe (Antitrust Law, Appellate Law, Commercial Litigation), Jennifer P. Nore (Commercial Litigation), Patrick Paul (Environmental Law, Government Relations Law), Warren E. Platt (Personal Injury Litigation, Product Liability Litigation), Jody K. Pokorski (Real Estate Law), Charles A. Pulaski, Jr. (Tax Law), Peter J. Rathwell (Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law), David E. Rauch (Commercial Litigation, Legal Malpractice Law), Patricia Lee Refo (Commercial Litigation, Legal Malpractice Law), Terry M. Roman (Health Care Law), Carlos Ronstadt (Mining Law), James J. Sienicki (Construction Law), Howard Sobelman (Intellectual Property Law) David Sprentall (Banking Law), Heidi McNeil Staudenmaier (Gaming Law, Native American Law), John C. Vryhof (Trusts and Estates), David E. Weiss (Tax Law, Trusts and Estates), Jay D. Wiley Real Estate Law), Craig K. Williams (Banking Law, Real Estate Law), Rebecca A. Winterscheidt (Immigration Law, Labor and Employment Law), G. Van Velsor Wolf, Jr. (Environmental Law, and Joyce Kline Wright (Real Estate Law).

Salt Lake City

Bryon J. Benevento (Personal Injury Litigation, Product Liability Litigation), Bradley R. Cahoon (Environmental Law, Government Relations Law), Brian D. Cunningham (Banking Law), Denise A. Dragoo (Energy Law, Environmental Law, Government Relations Law, Mining Law, Natural Resources Law), Curtis J. Drake (Commercial Litigation, Health Care Law), Tracy H. Fowler (Personal Injury Litigation, Product Liability Litigation), Michael R. Johnson (Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law), Cary D. Jones (Real Estate Law), Matthew L. Lalli (Legal Malpractice Law), David E. Leta (Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law), Alan L. Sullivan (Alternative Dispute Resolution, Betthe-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation), John G. Weston (Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, Corporate Law), Michael D. Zimmerman (Alternative Dispute Resolution, Appellate Law, Commercial Litigation).

Tucson

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The 2008 list also includes Jon Cohen, Bill Hayden, Warren Platt, Pete Rathwell, David Weiss and Jay Wiley, who have the distinction of being listed for over 20 years.

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