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SNELL & WILMER PARTNER O'HARE ADMITTED TO AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS

ORANGE COUNTY (May 1, 2008)— William S. O'Hare, Administrative Partner in charge of Snell & Wilmer's Orange County office, has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in America.

The induction ceremony at which O'Hare became a Fellow took place recently before an audience of approximately 700 persons during the recent 2008 Spring Meeting of the College in Tucson, Arizona.

Founded in 1950, the College is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. Fellowship in the College is extended by invitation only and only after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality. Lawyers must have a minimum of fifteen years trial experience before they can be considered for Fellowship.

Membership in the College cannot exceed one percent of the total lawyer population of any state or province. There are currently approximately 5,675 members in the United States and Canada, including active Fellows, Emeritus Fellows, Judicial Fellows (those who ascended to the bench after their induction) and Honorary Fellows.

The College strives to improve and elevate the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics of the trial profession. Qualified lawyers are called to the Fellowship in the College from all branches of trial practice. They are carefully selected from among those who customarily represent plaintiffs in civil cases and those who customarily represent defendants, those who prosecute accused of crime and those who defend them. The College is thus able to speak with a balanced voice on important issues affecting the legal profession and the administration of justice.

O'Hare is a commercial litigation partner in the Southwest regional business law firm of Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. and has been practicing in Orange County for 30 years. O'Hare is a past president of the Orange County Bar Foundation and currently serves as President of the Laguna Beach Education and Endowment Fund (SchoolPower Endowment). He is a recipient of the President's Pro Bono Service Award of the State Bar of California and was twice listed in the annual Top Ten Defense Verdicts in California by the Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journals. The newly inducted Fellow is an alumnus of University of California, Hastings College of the Law.

<u>About Snell & Wilmer L.L.P</u>. Founded in 1938, Snell & Wilmer is a full-service business law firm with more than 400 attorneys practicing in six offices throughout the western United States, including Orange County, California; Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; Denver, Colorado; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Salt Lake City, Utah. The firm represents more than 10,000 clients ranging from large, publicly traded corporations to small businesses, individuals and entrepreneurs. For more information, visit www.swlaw.com.