

SNELL & WILMER OPENS OFFICE IN MEXICO

PHOENIX (October 21, 2008) — Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. announced today it has opened an office in Los Cabos, Mexico. The office marks the Firm's seventh location, and its first outside of the United States. With this announcement, Snell & Wilmer becomes the first United States-based law firm with a presence in Baja California Sur.

The office is anchored by attorneys Richard Krumbain and Carlos Sugich, with the support of Curt Reimann and Jon Frank from Snell & Wilmer's Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona offices respectively. The group will focus on providing a wide range of transactional and regulatory work to national and international businesses with interests throughout Baja and northern Mexico. As the office expands, it will draw upon the resources of the Firm's over 400 attorneys practicing across the western United States.

"We are pleased to announce the opening of our Mexico office," said John J. Bouma, chairman of Snell & Wilmer. "This market expansion is in line with our growth strategy and is one we have planned over the past several years by carefully analyzing opportunities in Mexico, developing in-house international law capabilities, and establishing collaborative ties to Mexico-based law firms. We look forward to continuing to serve the needs of our existing clients across northern Mexico, and to developing new business relationships in key markets within the country."

Snell & Wilmer's vision for office expansion is to build upon its existing presence throughout the western United States, and to carefully evaluate opportunities that arise in other regions. Mexico continues to emerge as a key player within the global economy. An increasing number of United States companies are establishing operations in this growing marketplace. At the same time, a significant number of enterprises within Mexico are expanding their international business reach. The climate and beaches across Baja and northern Mexico have turned those regions into an increasingly popular destination and focus of international economic development activity, especially from United States-based companies and investors. Active real estate, resort development, and infrastructure enhancement activities make the region a promising market for Snell & Wilmer.

The address of Snell & Wilmer's Mexico office is:

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