

## **Snell & Wilmer Launches New Law Office in Downtown Los Angeles**

**PHOENIX (January 29, 2009)** — Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. announced today the opening of its new office in downtown Los Angeles, California. The office marks the Firm's eighth location and will be a full-service law office anchored by partners who previously practiced with the Santa Monica law office of Dreier Stein Kahan Browne Woods George LLP.

The team of attorneys leading Snell & Wilmer's downtown Los Angeles office, and their areas of practice, include Henry S. David, business and bankruptcy litigation; Susan Grueneberg, transactional, and international and domestic franchise and distribution law; Marshall P. Horowitz, U.S. and international transactional law; and Jason S. Kim, international transactions, real estate and Pacific Rim practice. The four attorneys will be joined by associates who practice in the areas of litigation, franchising, intellectual property, and business transactions.

The office expansion is part of Snell & Wilmer's California growth strategy that includes developing a full-service practice in downtown Los Angeles that complements and expands the capacities of its existing offices and practice groups. Snell & Wilmer's Los Angeles office provides a wide range of transactional and regulatory work to national and international businesses with interests throughout California and the Pacific Rim. As the office develops, it will draw upon the resources of the Firm's existing 400-plus attorneys practicing across the western United States and Mexico.

"Snell & Wilmer recognizes the importance of growth in California," said John Bouma, chairman of Snell & Wilmer. "We are very fortunate to have such an impressive group of business lawyers to form the core of a Los Angeles office that we plan to build."

While numerous firms in California have recently downsized due to the current economic downturn, Snell & Wilmer has traditionally found challenging economic conditions conducive to growth. Lateral attorneys are often attracted to Snell & Wilmer's reputation for exceptional legal services and long-term stability.

"We had many options from which to choose when looking for a new firm, and unanimously, Snell & Wilmer was our top choice," said Susan Grueneberg, partner, Snell & Wilmer, Los Angeles. "We are enthusiastic to become part of Snell & Wilmer and launch their new office while continuing their tradition of excellence."

**About Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.** Founded in 1938, Snell & Wilmer is a full-service business law firm with more than 400 attorneys practicing in eight offices throughout the western United States and Mexico, including Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; Los Angeles and Orange County, California; Denver, Colorado; Los Cabos, Mexico; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Salt Lake City, Utah. The firm represents clients ranging from large, publicly traded corporations to small businesses, individuals and entrepreneurs. For more information, visit [www.swlaw.com](http://www.swlaw.com).