

**SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEYS DAVID SPRENTALL AND JEFFREY WILLIS
NAMED 2009 “LAWYERS OF THE YEAR” BY BEST LAWYERS**

PHOENIX (February 23, 2009) — Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. is pleased to announce that attorneys David Sprentall and Jeffrey Willis have been named 2009 “Lawyers of the Year” by the publishers of Best Lawyers in America®. Best Lawyers recognized Sprentall as Banking Lawyer of the Year in Phoenix, and Willis as Bet-the-Company Litigator of the Year in Tucson.

After more than a quarter of a century in publication, Best Lawyers designated “Lawyers of the Year” in high-profile legal specialties in large legal communities. These specialties include Banking Law, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Corporate Law, Family Law, Personal Injury Litigation, and Real Estate Law. Only a single lawyer in each specialty within each community is being honored as the “Lawyer of the Year” for 2009.

Sprentall, a partner in the firm’s Phoenix office, concentrates his practice in commercial finance including syndicated lending, structured finance, loan sales and servicing, real estate development finance, and workouts and restructuring. He is also experienced in Indian law (including financing of tribes and tribal enterprises), regulation of lending institutions, consumer credit, and construction contracting.

Willis, a partner in the firm’s Tucson office, focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, and has specific experience in patent infringement, securities fraud and derivative actions, anti-trust, corporate governance, toxic and environmental torts, RICO defense, creditors’ remedies, referenda and initiative challenges, land use, trust administration, insurance coverage, trade secrets and intellectual property, and commercial fraud.

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