

**SNELL & WILMER PARTNER BAHAR SCHIPPEL RECOGNIZED AS A TOP FORTY-UNDER-40 BY THE PHOENIX BUSINESS JOURNAL**

**PHOENIX (April 24, 2009)** — Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. is pleased to announce that partner Bahar Schippel has been selected as one of this year's Forty-Under-40 recipients by the Phoenix Business Journal. This award is one of the most prestigious distinctions given by the Journal on a yearly basis, recognizing the Valley's most accomplished and outstanding young professionals.

Schippel was recognized, along with the other 2009 honorees, at the annual Forty-Under-40 awards reception held on April 23. In addition, a special Forty-Under-40 section appeared in the April 24 edition of the Phoenix Business Journal.

Schippel is a partner in the firm's Tax, Employee Benefits & Estate Planning group, and is a Certified Specialist in Tax Law with the Arizona Board of Legal Specialization. Her practice is concentrated in general federal tax with an emphasis in LLC, partnership, and corporate taxation, real estate tax planning including like-kind exchanges, and the representation of taxpayers in federal tax audits and controversies before the Internal Revenue Service. In addition, Schippel is the Chair of the Tax Section of the Arizona State Bar and a Vice Chair of the Partnership Committee of the ABA Tax Section.

Schippel received her bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, in 1992 from Arizona State University. She then went on to earn her *Juris Doctor* from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University in 1996, where she graduated *cum laude*, followed by her L.L.M., *magna cum laude* from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1998.

Schippel was one of over 200 candidates vying for a spot on the final list. Past recipients include a diverse collection of business, community, government, and non-profit leaders who have achieved impressive milestones in their careers and who have made significant contributions to the Valley's overall quality of life.

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