

**SNELL & WILMER PARTNER BAHAR SCHIPPEL ELECTED TO SERVE ON
ABA TAX SECTION COUNCIL**

PHOENIX (August 4, 2009) — Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. is pleased to announce that Bahar A. Schippel has been elected to serve on the governing board of the American Bar Association's (ABA) Tax Section, the nation's largest association of tax lawyers. Schippel joined the board on Tuesday, August 4th, following the ABA's Annual Meeting in Chicago, and will serve a one-year term as its Assistant Secretary.

The Section of Taxation was established in 1921, and is dedicated to creating and maintaining an equitable tax system that can be fairly administered. The Section's work supports the integrity of the nation's voluntary system for tax reporting and payment. With more than 400,000 members, the ABA is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world.

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. Schippel is the immediate past Chair of the Tax Section of the Arizona State Bar and currently serves as the Chair of the Tax Advisory Commission of the Arizona State Bar, which is the commission that oversees the certification process for Certified Specialists in Tax Law for the Arizona Board of Legal Specialization. Schippel regularly speaks at regional and national tax conferences on current topics of interest in the area of taxation and frequently writes articles for top-tier tax journals.

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.

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