

**SNELL & WILMER PARTNER BARBARA DAWSON ELECTED
CHAIR OF LEX MUNDI**

PHOENIX (October 26, 2009) — Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. is pleased to announce that Partner Barbara Dawson was elected Chair of Lex Mundi by the organization’s Board of Directors during the recent Lex Mundi 2009 Annual Meeting in Madrid. Lex Mundi is the world’s leading association of independent law firms with 160 member firms and more than 21,000 lawyers worldwide. It recently celebrated its 20 year anniversary. With this election, Dawson becomes only the second woman to serve as chair.

Dawson has been with Snell & Wilmer for 20 years. Her practice is concentrated on complex commercial litigation and internal investigations. Her specific areas of focus include financial institution matters, tax disputes, class actions and alternative dispute resolution. Before becoming chair, she served in a number of leadership roles in Lex Mundi including Chair of the Litigation, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Practice Group; Chair of the Lex Mundi Diversity Committee; and Chair of the Lex Mundi Women and the Law Committee. Dawson was also recently recognized by the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce as the 2009 ATHENA Businesswoman of the Year in the Private Sector. The prestigious award is named after the Greek goddess of courage and wisdom, and is a program of ATHENA International, a foundation dedicated to creating leadership opportunities for women.

“I am honored to serve as the Chair of Lex Mundi,” said Dawson. “Lex Mundi is a truly unique resource for businesses in need of legal counsel around the world. I look forward to helping this global association as it pursues a number of strategic goals and continues to identify additional opportunities to provide value for its members and their clients.”

At the same Annual Meeting, Lex Mundi’s Board of Directors also elected Michiel Wesseling of Houthoff Buruma (the Netherlands) to the position of Chair-Elect, Simon Truskett of Clayton Utz (Australia) to the position of Secretary and Cheryl Hodder of McInnes Cooper (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Canada) to the position of Treasurer. In addition, the Board elected two new Executive Committee Members: Gillian Clarke of Clarke Gittens & Farmer (Barbados) and Keith Simmons of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC (Tennessee, USA).

The membership elected four new directors to the Lex Mundi Board of Directors: José María Eyzaguirre of Claro y Cia. (Chile); Alvin Hiromasa Shiozaki of Nishimura & Asahi (Japan); Christopher Richardson of Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP (Colorado, USA) and Brian Burke of Baker & Daniels LLP (Indiana, USA). Each will serve four-year terms. The membership also elected Christel Van den Eynden of Liedekerke Wolters Waelbroeck Kirkpatrick (Belgium) to the Lex Mundi Board to serve a special one-year term.

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