

**INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL UNION NAMES ASTEROID AFTER  
SNELL & WILMER PARTNER**

**PHOENIX (March 9, 2010)** — Snell & Wilmer L.L.P is pleased to announce that the International Astronomical Union has honored partner Sid Leach and his wife Gloria by naming an asteroid after them.

The Asteroid was discovered on September 11, 2004 by Dr. David H. Levy, an astronomer and science writer most famous for his co-discovery in 1993 of Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9, which collided with the planet Jupiter in 1994. After the orbit of the asteroid was sufficiently determined, making it eligible for naming, Dr. Levy proposed the name for the asteroid to the The International Astronomical Union. The asteroid was then officially named asteroid “157258 Leach”.

Sid serves as the Chairman of the Board of the National Sharing the Sky Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization that sponsors programs around the country for the purpose of using astronomy to interest young people in possible careers in science and engineering. Sid also serves as Chairman of the Board of the Arizona Astronomy Board, a charitable organization that supports higher education programs in astronomy in the State of Arizona. Sid and Gloria serve together as co-chairpersons of the Friends of the Mount Lemmon SkyCenter, a charitable organization that raises support for public outreach astronomy programs and camps provided on Mount Lemmon by the University of Arizona. Gloria has also been involved in planning and administering activities and programs for the National Sharing the Sky Foundation.

Sid’s practice includes intellectual property, patent and technology litigation, especially in the area of electronics and computer technology. He received his B.S.E.E from the University of Alabama. After studying for an MBA at the University of Alabama Graduate School of Business, Sid went on to earn his *juris doctor* degree from the University of Virginia.

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