

**SNELL & WILMER PARTNER PATRICIA LEE REFO APPOINTED TO
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RULES OF EVIDENCE**

PHOENIX (March 25, 2010) — Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. is pleased to announce that partner Patricia Lee Refo has been appointed by Chief Justice Berch of the Arizona Supreme Court to the Ad Hoc Committee on Rules of Evidence.

The *Arizona Rules of Evidence* were adopted by the Supreme Court in September 1977 and were based on the *Federal Rules of Evidence*. In the more than thirty years since the adoption of the Arizona Rules, the Federal Rules have been amended on several occasions. Because not all of the amendments have become part of the Arizona Rules, Chief Justice Berch recently issued an order establishing the Ad Hoc Committee on Rules of Evidence in order to insure consistency. The Committee's main purpose will be to compare the *Arizona Rules of Evidence* to the proposed restyled *Federal Rules of Evidence*, identify differences and provide input to the Supreme Court regarding conforming changes.

Refo's practice is concentrated in complex commercial litigation, with experience in financial institutions litigation, professional malpractice defense, class actions, trade secret litigation, and commercial and business torts. She received her B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1980 with *high honors and high distinction*. She then went on to earn her *juris doctor* from the University of Michigan Law School, where she graduated with *cum laude* recognition. Refo previously served as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Evidence by appointment of the late Chief Justice William Rehnquist. She has also been named by *The National Law Journal* as one of the Fifty Most Influential Women Lawyers in America.

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