

**BEST LAWYERS NAMES FIVE SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEYS
AS “LAWYER OF THE YEAR”**

PHOENIX (November 2, 2010) – Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. is pleased to announce that five of its attorneys - John Bouma, Brian Cunningham, Warren Platt, Jody Pokorski and Heidi McNeil Staudenmaier - have been named as “Lawyer of the Year” for 2011 by *Best Lawyers*. Only one lawyer within each specialty in each community is honored as “Lawyer of the Year.”

Best Lawyers, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession, designates “Lawyers of the Year” in high-profile legal specialties across large legal communities.

Best Lawyers compiles its lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting exhaustive peer-review surveys in which thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. The current, 17th edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* (2011) is based on more than 3.1 million detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers.

The lawyers being honored as “Lawyers of the Year” have received particularly high rating in the surveys by earning a high level of respect among their peers for their abilities, professionalism and integrity.

- Snell & Wilmer chairman John Bouma has been named as the “Phoenix *Best Lawyers* Banking Lawyer of the Year” for 2011. His practice is concentrated in complex commercial litigation, including antitrust, commercial and business torts, financial institutions, professional malpractice defense and alternative dispute resolution.
- Partner Brian Cunningham has been named as the “Salt Lake City *Best Lawyers* Banking Lawyer of the Year” for 2011. His practice is concentrated in banking and commercial finance representing financial institutions and other parties in loan transactions, loan syndications and participations, Uniform Commercial Code matters, factoring, trade finance and letters of credit, loan portfolio transactions, business and loan workouts and restructurings, liquidations and foreclosures, and banking regulation and governance.
- Partner Warren Platt has been named as the “Phoenix *Best Lawyers* Product Liability Litigation Lawyer of the Year” for 2011. His practice is concentrated in civil litigation matters with principal emphasis on defense of major product liability suits for national and international manufacturers, complex commercial litigation, and defense of accounting malpractice litigation for national and regional public accounting firms.
- Partner Jody Pokorski has been named as the “Phoenix *Best Lawyers* Real Estate Lawyer of the Year” for 2011. She practices primarily in the area of real estate transactions, finance and regulatory matters, including work relating to commercial purchase and sale transactions, real estate financing, master planned communities, subdivision matters, and leasing.

- Partner Heidi McNeil Staudenmaier has been named as the “Phoenix *Best Lawyers* Gaming Lawyer of the Year” for 2011. She is nationally recognized in the areas of Federal Indian Law, Gaming Law and Business Litigation.

About Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.

Founded in 1938, Snell & Wilmer is a full-service business law firm with more than 400 attorneys practicing in nine locations throughout the western United States and in Mexico, including Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; Los Angeles and Orange County, California; Denver, Colorado; Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Los Cabos, Mexico. The firm represents clients ranging from large, publicly traded corporations to small businesses, individuals and entrepreneurs. For more information, visit www.swlaw.com.

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