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## **SNELL & WILMER PARTNER PATRICK PAUL ELECTED TO TWO PROMINENT BOARDS**

**PHOENIX (November 10, 2010)** – Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. is pleased to announce that partner and environmental practice group leader Patrick Paul has been elected to the national board of directors, pacific region director, of the Defense Research Institute (“DRI”). He has also been elected to the board of directors of State Law Resources, Inc (“SLR”).

DRI is the largest international membership organization of attorneys defending the interests of businesses and individuals in civil litigation. DRI is recognized as a thought-leader and an advocate for the defense bar at the national and state level as well as in Europe. With more than 22,000 members, DRI provides members and their clients with access to world-class education, legal resources and networking opportunities that facilitate career and law firm growth.

SLR is an international network of independent law firms selected for their experience in government relations and administrative and regulatory law at the state and federal level. Each member firm also has unique public and private-sector experience. The network helps businesses, trade associations and public policy coalitions navigate the complex and time-consuming process of managing both legal issues and state government relations. SLR member firms were selected for demonstrated abilities in handling administrative, regulatory and government relations issues as well as other business-oriented issues. Their goal is to ensure that each client gets the right help in the right place, as quickly as possible.

Paul's practice is concentrated in environmental and toxic tort litigation and land use counseling. He counsels businesses, manufacturers and power producers on environmental compliance, due diligence, climate change, pollution liability, and litigation issues. He was named a "Southwest Super Lawyer" in the area of environmental litigation by Law & Politics Magazine (2007-2010). Paul is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell, has been named Best of the Bar by the Phoenix Business Journal, and has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America in the areas of environmental law and government relations (2006-2011). He is the past president of the Arizona Association of Defense Counsel and past chair of the Environmental Section of the State Bar of Arizona. Paul earned his B.A. *magna cum laude* from State University of New York and received his *juris doctor* from Vanderbilt University, School of Law.

### **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](http://www.swlaw.com).

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