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**SNELL & WILMER ADDS NEW INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
ASSOCIATE TO PHOENIX OFFICE**

PHOENIX (February 8, 2011) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce the addition of Alex D. Starkovich as a new senior associate in the firm’s Phoenix office.

Starkovich has been practicing intellectual property law since 2005, with eight years of prior engineering experience. He is a registered patent attorney and is skilled in preparing and prosecuting patent applications in a variety of technologies, including electrical, software and mechanical. Starkovich is also experienced in trademark prosecution, licensing, and patent and trademark litigation support.

Prior to entering the practice of law, Starkovich worked as a software engineer on a variety of highly technical and diverse engineering projects, including diagnostic and calibration systems, point-of-sale devices, software models for microprocessors and flight computers for rocket systems.

Starkovich was awarded his *juris doctor* degree from Sandra Day O’Connor School of Law at Arizona State University. He also earned his bachelor’s degree in Computer Systems Engineering from Arizona State University.

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