

SNELL & WILMER PARTNER GIBSON ADMITTED TO AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS

ORANGE COUNTY (March 21, 2011) – Robert “Hoot” J. Gibson, a partner in Snell & Wilmer’s Orange County office, has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in America.

The induction ceremony at which Gibson became a Fellow took place recently before an audience of 700 attendees at the recent 2011 Spring Meeting of the College in San Antonio, Texas.

Founded in 1950, the College is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. Fellowship in the College is extended by invitation only and only after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality.

Lawyers must have a minimum of fifteen years trial experience before they can be considered for Fellowship.

Membership in the College cannot exceed one percent of the total lawyer population of any state or province. There are currently approximately 5,863 members in the United States and Canada, including active, Emeritus, Judicial and Honorary Fellows.

The College strives to improve and elevate the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics of the trial profession. Qualified lawyers are called to Fellowship in the College from all branches of trial practice. They are carefully selected from among those who represent plaintiffs or defendants in civil cases and those who prosecute or defend those accused of crimes. The College is thus able to speak with a balanced voice on important issues affecting the legal profession and the administration of justice.

Gibson’s practice is concentrated in product liability, commercial, and environmental litigation. He represents manufacturers in product liability litigation involving motor vehicles, pharmaceuticals, aircraft, and machinery. He has tried numerous cases in his career for clients, including Ford Motor Company and Allergan.

In the beginning of his legal career, Gibson served as a Law Clerk to Justice Frank X. Gordon in the Supreme Court of Arizona. He also served as a Captain in the U.S. Army from 1966-1971 where he was a recipient of the distinguished flying cross, bronze star and 25 air medals. The newly inducted fellow is an alumnus of the University of Arizona College 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 Los Angeles and Orange County, California; Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; 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.