

**DANIELLE VIOLA APPOINTED AS SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE IN  
MARICOPA COUNTY**

**PHOENIX (April 06, 2011)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce the appointment of Danielle J. Viola, a partner in the firm’s Phoenix office, to the Maricopa County Superior Court. This appointment was made to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Paul Katz. She will be leaving the firm on April 30 to take on her new role as a superior court judge.

An announcement issued from Governor Jan Brewer’s office noted that for several years Viola has served as a Judge Pro Tempore and as a court-appointed Guardian Ad Litem for the Maricopa County Superior Court. In these roles, she presided over numerous settlement conferences and assisted children in family-court cases.

“Ms. Viola’s many years of experience in the Maricopa County Superior Court system will serve her well as she ventures into this new role,” said Governor Brewer. “I am honored to appoint her to the Maricopa County Superior Court, and I am certain she will serve the citizens well.”

Viola’s law practice has focused on representation of small businesses and national corporations in commercial litigation, with emphasis on matters involving franchise, banking, insurance, real estate and general contract disputes. She has also helped lead several non-profit entities and organizations, including the Phoenix Public Library Foundation, the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law Alumni Association, Arizona Town Hall, and the Sandra Day O’Connor Inn of Court.

“It has been a true pleasure to work with Danielle these last twelve years,” said John Bouma, chairman of Snell & Wilmer. “We appreciate her many contributions to the firm during this time and wish her the best of luck in her new role as superior court judge.”

Viola has been with Snell & Wilmer since graduating with honors from the Arizona State University College of Law in 1999 and was admitted to the State Bar of Arizona that same year. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from ASU where she graduated with honors in 1994.

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