

**ANNUAL LEGAL STUDY NAMES SNELL & WILMER  
TOP CORPORATE LAW FIRM IN PHOENIX**

**PHOENIX (May 12, 2011)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that it has been named as the top corporate law firm in the Phoenix metro area in the 11<sup>th</sup> annual America’s Best Corporate Law Firms study conducted by *Corporate Board Member* magazine and FTI Consulting Inc.

The study is a ranking by U.S. corporate directors and general counsel of the top 25 national corporate law firms. In addition to naming the top 25 corporate law firms nationally, it also identifies the top law firm in 25 major U.S. metropolitan areas, according to the directors and general counsel polled.

“Each of the law firms on this year’s list rightly deserves recognition for both the reputations they have established and for the outstanding service they deliver. Law firms especially value our rankings because they come not from their peers—other lawyers—but from the corporate officers, directors, and in-house attorneys who hire law firms,” said TK Kerstetter, president of *Corporate Board Member*. “Taken together, both the director and the GC rankings provide savvy intelligence for boards looking for legal firepower when the going gets rough—especially in challenging economic times.”

In January 2011, *Corporate Board Member* and FTI Consulting Inc. surveyed over 1,900 general counsel and 8,900 directors serving on boards of publicly traded companies. The survey contained questions regarding a variety of board of director level legal issues. Additionally, general counsel were asked to select up to 10 national firms they would choose to aid them should their company need a firm of national scope and reputation to represent them on a variety of legal matters. A broader analysis of these results will be featured in a special supplement sponsored by FTI Consulting, which mails along with the third-quarter issue 2011 issue of *Corporate Board Member*.

A complete listing of the national, general counsel and metropolitan rankings appears in the Q2 2011 issue of the magazine and is available at [www.boardmember.com/currentissue.aspx](http://www.boardmember.com/currentissue.aspx).

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**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).