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**ORANGE COUNTY BUSINESS JOURNAL
RECOGNIZES M.C. SUNGAILA WITH AWARD NOMINATION**

ORANGE COUNTY (May 31, 2011) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that appellate partner M.C. Sungaila is a 2011 nominee for The Orange County Business Journal's (OCBJ) *Women in Business Awards*. She was recognized during a luncheon at the Hyatt in Irvine on May 25, 2011 with other successful business women in Orange County.

The *Women in Business Awards* recognize women who have made impactful contributions to their profession as well as within their communities. Their tenacity and drive have established, nurtured, guided and transformed countless businesses. In its 17th year, the OCBJ continues to acknowledge influential businesswomen in Orange County who have distinguished themselves through determination, resolve and achievements. These women are members of the Orange County business community, including the corporate, entrepreneurial and not-for-profit sectors.

Sungaila practices appellate law and has successfully briefed and argued appeals raising cutting-edge and core business issues statewide as well as nationally and internationally. Fortune 500 companies and leading international human rights organizations also have relied on her to help define the scope of the duty to warn sophisticated users of product hazards, overturn multimillion dollar judgments, limit the reach of medical monitoring claims, clarify the standards for interstate enforcement of noncompete agreements and secure important rights for women worldwide. Sungaila also received an award earlier this year as one of the OC Metro Top 20 Women to Watch in 2011 and received the Coastline College Foundation Visionary of the Year honor earlier this month.

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