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**AMERICAN LAWYER RANKS SNELL & WILMER 48TH TOP PRO BONO FIRM
IN THE UNITED STATES**

PHOENIX (July 28, 2011) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce it was ranked 48 out of 200 law firms in the country for its pro bono service by *The American Lawyer*. The magazine's rankings were published in its July/August 2011 issue.

The American Lawyer Pro Bono Chart lists the nation's 200 highest-grossing firms, ranked by their pro bono score. Half of the score comes from the average number of pro bono hours per lawyer in 2010, while the other half represents the percentage of lawyers who performed more than 20 hours of pro bono work. Calculations are based on the number of lawyers in U.S. offices only as of December 31, 2010. Snell & Wilmer averaged 62.5 pro bono hours per lawyer, as well as having 52.9% of its attorneys contribute at least 20 hours to pro bono matters. In total, the firm devoted over 26,200 hours of pro bono services last year.

"Snell & Wilmer is committed to helping those in need through pro bono representation and consider such activities an important professional responsibility," said John Bouma, chairman of the firm.

The American Lawyer defines pro bono work as legal services donated to organizations or individuals not otherwise able to afford them. The publication does not include work done by paralegals or summer associates, nor time spent on bar association work, on non-legal work for charities or on boards of non-profit organizations.

In addition, the Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP), which was established in 1981 by Community Legal Services and the Maricopa County Bar Association, has recognized Snell & Wilmer each year for outstanding pro bono service to help low-income clients get access to civil justice.

"The leadership, attorneys and staff of Snell & Wilmer are to be commended for 30 years of impressive pro bono service through VLP," said VLP Director Patricia Gerrich. "Every Tuesday evening for more than 25 years, two firm attorneys have come to assist clients. In 2010, Snell & Wilmer attorneys accepted 55 cases from VLP to provide pro bono representation to low-income families."

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; Salt Lake City, Utah; Los Angeles and Orange County, California; Denver, Colorado; Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada; 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.

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