

**BAHAR SCHIPPEL APPOINTED CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON PARTNERSHIPS
AND LLCs WITH THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION SECTION OF TAXATION**

PHOENIX (August 9, 2011) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Bahar Schippel, a partner in the firm’s Phoenix office, has been appointed Chair of Committee on Partnerships and LLCs with the American Bar Association’s (ABA) Section of Taxation, the nation’s largest organization of tax lawyers. Her one-year term became effective July 1. The Committees are the heart of the Tax Section’s CLE activities and government comment projects. During her term as Committee Chair, Schippel will have opportunities to affect the development and administration of tax laws through the Committee’s programs and projects.

The Section of Taxation has approximately 20,000 lawyer members nationwide. Its public service goals include helping taxpayers to better understand their rights and obligations under the tax laws, and working to make the tax system fairer, simpler and easier to administer.

With nearly 400,000 members, the ABA is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world. As the national voice of the legal profession, the ABA works to improve the administration of justice, promotes programs that assist lawyers and judges in their work, accredits law schools, provides continuing legal education and works to build public understanding around the world of the importance of the rule of law.

Schippel is in Snell & Wilmer’s tax, employee benefits and estate planning group, and is a certified specialist in tax law with the Arizona Board of Legal Specialization. She specializes in tax planning for joint ventures and real estate transactions, including 1031 exchanges; drafting LLC and partnership agreements; tax planning for mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and real estate transactions, drafting LLC and partnership agreements, tax planning in connection with fund formation and operations, structuring tax-efficient debt workouts, designing service provider equity compensation for LLCs and partnerships and representing taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service.

Schippel was previously a member of the ABA Tax Section Council and a Past Chair of the Tax Section of the State Bar of Arizona. She is Chair of the Tax Law Advisory Commission, in charge of overseeing the certified tax specialization program for the State Bar of Arizona. She frequently speaks at national and regional tax conferences and contributes articles to top-tier tax publications. Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, she served as attorney-advisor for the United States Tax Court in Washington, DC, teaching assistant to the Honorable David Laro at Georgetown University Law Center and associate at Combs, Mack and Lind. For Schippel’s bio, visit http://www.swlaw.com/attorneys/bahar_schippel.

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.