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## **M.C. SUNGAILA ELECTED TO BOARD OF RAND INSTITUTE FOR CIVIL JUSTICE**

**ORANGE COUNTY (September 14, 2011)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that M.C. Sungaila, an appellate partner in the firm’s Orange County office, has recently been elected to the Board of Overseers of the RAND Institute for Civil Justice.

The RAND Corporation is a nonprofit research organization providing objective analysis and effective solutions that address the challenges facing the public and private sectors around the world. RAND is known for research on public policy issues based on an interdisciplinary and empirical approach that yields results with the highest standards of quality, objectivity and independence. The Institute for Civil Justice (ICJ) continues to uphold these standards of research in order to make changes in the civil justice system by circulating their findings to the government and private decision makers, as well as the general public.

The ICJ Board of Overseers is comprised of influential members of the legal community including senior corporate officials and general counsels, senior partners of major law firms, consumer and labor organization executives, senior members of the judiciary and leading academic scholars. All members are devoted to furthering the mission of the ICJ to help make the civil justice system more efficient and equitable.

“I feel incredibly privileged to be invited to serve alongside this group of exceptional individuals on the ICJ Board to further RAND’s mission and goals,” said Sungaila.

Sungaila, recently recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* for appellate law for 2012 and named by the *Daily Journal* as one of the Top Women Lawyers of 2011, is an influencer in the civil justice community both locally and nationally. She has worked closely with the World Organization for Human Rights USA on a number of ground-breaking victories before the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights including a decision called “one of the most important legal victories for international women’s rights in decades” held Mexico liable for the unsolved killings and disappearances of young women in Ciudad Juarez and a landmark case that has put in comprehensive recommendations in motion to change U.S law and policy pertaining to domestic violence. Most recently, Sungaila contributed to a suit filed against a web hosting company for identifying an anonymous author to the Thai government which will prove to be an important international human rights case.

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