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**BEST LAWYERS NAMES NINE SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEYS
AS 2012 “LAWYER OF THE YEAR”**

PHOENIX (October 10, 2011) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that the following nine attorneys have been named “Lawyers of the Year” for 2012 by *The Best Lawyers in America*®:

- Vaughn Crawford - Best Lawyers’ 2012 Phoenix Product Liability Litigation (Defendants) Lawyer of the Year
- Matthew Feeny - Best Lawyers’ 2012 Phoenix Mergers & Acquisitions Law Lawyer of the Year
- Susan Grueneberg - Best Lawyers’ 2012 Los Angeles Franchise Law Lawyer of the Year
- Joel Hoxie - Best Lawyers’ 2012 Phoenix Litigation (Securities) Lawyer of the Year
- Robert Kinas - Best Lawyers’ 2012 Las Vegas Litigation (Bankruptcy) Lawyer of the Year
- Sid Leach - Best Lawyers’ 2012 Phoenix Patent Law Lawyer of the Year
- Mark Ohre - Best Lawyers’ 2012 Phoenix Native American Law Lawyer of the Year
- Patricia Lee Refo - Best Lawyers’ 2012 Phoenix Legal Malpractice Law Lawyer of the Year
- David Sprentall - Best Lawyers’ 2012 Phoenix Financial Services Regulation Law Lawyer of the Year

Only a single lawyer in each “specialty area” in each community is honored as the “Lawyer of the Year.” The lawyers being honored as “Lawyers of the Year” have received particularly high ratings in the *Best Lawyers* surveys by earning a high level of respect among their peers for their abilities, professionalism, and integrity. *Best Lawyers*, one of the oldest and most respected peer-review publications in the legal profession, compiles its lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting exhaustive peer-review surveys in which thousands of lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. The current, 18th edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* (2012) is based on more than 3.9 million detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers.

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