

**SNELL & WILMER TAKES PART IN A YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS
FOR THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF METRO DENVER**

DENVER (October 17, 2011) – Snell & Wilmer, one of the largest full-service business law firms in the western U.S., is celebrating the long-time success of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver.

This year marks a special anniversary for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver since it is the fiftieth year of involvement within the community. The club has made a difference in the lives of children for many generations by dedicating time to teach, mentor and inspire children from less-advantaged neighborhoods to work toward a bright future. Generous donations and volunteer commitments from the community at large allow these efforts to continue.

Community involvement has been a cornerstone of Snell & Wilmer since the beginning. The firm has a long history of financial, volunteer and leadership commitments to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver. This year, the Snell & Wilmer Charitable Foundation awarded a three-year, \$50,000 grant to the organization for the purpose of supporting after school and summer education initiatives for Denver's at-risk kids.

Snell & Wilmer also provides a great deal of volunteer assistance to the non-profit. Volunteers from the firm are responsible for fully staffing the upcoming annual Scream Scram 5K Halloween Run/Walk. This fundraising event, which will be held October 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Washington Park, functions as a dual race/costume contest, as participants of all ages dress up in costume to enjoy the festivities.

Additionally, two of the partners at Snell & Wilmer have taken on key leadership roles within the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver.

James Mulligan of the Denver office began a long-standing relationship with Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver in 1993. He has served on the board and held many leadership positions in the organization. Mulligan credits fellow firm partner, Roger Cohen, with leading his team of partners and associates in making the Boys & Girls Clubs an integral part of the firm's culture and stepping up firm-wide involvement. Mulligan said, "Roger's typical laser-like focus has been directed with increasing intensity on service to the clubs."

Cohen co-chairs the firm's Involvement and Social Committee with office director Marge Dolson, a committee that has successfully realigned the firm's commitment to the Boys & Girls Clubs program to allow for more interactive involvement. Cohen says that he is "committed to working with these kids because, through no fault of their own, many of them never get a fair shake. Boys & Girls Clubs provide some benefits to equalize the playing field."

John Arigoni, president and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver, is thankful for Cohen's commitment. "In addition to volunteering many hours to work directly with the kids, Roger takes the lead on many of our legal efforts. Perhaps the most significant to date was shepherding us through the process of acquiring seven new Denver Public School sites and phenomenally executing that transfer agreement," Arigoni commented.

Additionally, Arigoni thanks the entire firm. He said, “The \$50,000 grant to further develop Boys & Girls Clubs’ education and career initiatives, coupled with Snell & Wilmer’s dedicated volunteer service, pro bono legal work, and introductions to potential donors has done wonders for us. A lot of companies put their toes in the water with this kind of community involvement, but Snell & Wilmer jumped off the diving board. They are wonderful, kind, supportive people, and we are honored to have their backing.”

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 Denver, Colorado; Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; Salt Lake City, Utah; Los Angeles and Orange County, California; 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.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver inhabit many neighborhood facilities and work with children between the ages of six and eighteen after school and during the summer to explore the Core Program Areas of character and leadership development; education and career development; technology; the arts; health and life skills; and sports, fitness and recreation.

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