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## **GOVERNOR JAN BREWER APPOINTS SNELL & WILMER PARTNER RICK ERICKSON TO THE ARIZONA COURT OF MILITARY APPEALS**

**PHOENIX (November 14, 2011)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Rick Erickson, a partner in the Phoenix office, has been appointed to the Arizona Court of Military Appeals by Governor Jan Brewer at the recommendation of the State Adjutant General, Major General Hugo Salazar. Erickson took his Oath of Office on November 10, 2011 and will fulfill his appointed judicial term of six years. Erickson succeeds Judge Ronald F. Larson.

The Arizona Court of Military Appeals has exclusive appellate and special action jurisdiction, in appeals filed under state law, or on petition of an accused, to hear and review the record in all general and special court-martial cases and all summary court-martial cases in which a sentence of confinement has been adjudged. The Court's decisions are subject to review by the Arizona Supreme Court. Judge Erickson will sit with the Court's panels when they convene.

Erickson concentrates his practice at Snell & Wilmer in commercial litigation, primarily in the area of construction law. Erickson's twenty-year military career began in 1991, when he received his officer commission in the U.S. Marine Corps. After completing his initial tour of active duty, Erickson continued his career in the reserves and, in 2002, was licensed at the U.S. Naval Justice School to practice military law. Erickson's military career includes deployments to Somalia and Iraq, and he has served tours of duty at The Pentagon and on the Joint Staff at NORAD-U.S. Northern Command during Operation Noble Eagle.

Erickson earned his B.S. from University of Arizona and his J.D. from University of the Pacific. He is also a graduate of advanced courses on Joint Operational Warfare, Law of War and Rules of Engagement, and he has degrees in national security studies from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island and National Defense University in Washington, D.C.

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