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MAYOR-ELECT GREG STANTON ADDS SNELL & WILMER PARTNER JOSH GRABEL TO TRANSITION TEAM

PHOENIX (November 28, 2011) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that partner Josh Grabel has been added to Phoenix Mayor-elect Greg Stanton’s 24-person transition team.

During the next several weeks the focus of the transition team, a diverse group of accomplished professionals and community leaders, will be working on how best to implement policy changes for the City of Phoenix. The team will also assist the new Stanton Administration in finding the most experienced policy minds available to implement the agenda that Phoenix voters supported in the November 8th election.

A statement released by Greg Stanton said, “This team reflects the rich diversity that is Phoenix, and it includes some of the brightest and most capable people I know.” Stanton continued, “From business to the arts, from education to social services, from our ethnic minority populations to the LGBT community – I want all of these perspectives at the table ready to work for the future of this city we all love.”

Grabel's practice is concentrated in construction litigation, public procurement law, class action defense and other complex commercial matters. He represents clients in federal courts, state courts, before local, state and federal agencies, and at private mediations and arbitrations. Grabel’s experience includes representation of owners, developers, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, design professionals, insurance companies and lenders in litigation, negotiations, arbitration and mediation matters involving public and private projects. These include matters related to payment and performance disputes, bond claims, Arizona lien law, construction defects and related matters. He has substantial experience in public bid procedures, bid protests, contract administration, preparation of construction claims, calculation and proof of damages, surety rights, lien and bond claims, licensing and registration requirements, architect and engineer liability, administrative law, insurance risk and coverage matters, and bankruptcy.

Additionally, Grabel has successfully defended clients who have been sued by parties seeking to certify state and national class actions, each time obtaining positive results for clients in some of the most challenging jurisdictions for defendants in the United States. Grabel earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from the Georgetown University Law Center and his B.A. from the University of Arizona.

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