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BRETT RUFER JOINS THE TUCSON OFFICE OF SNELL & WILMER

TUCSON (February 06, 2012) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Brett J. Rufer has joined the firm’s Tucson office as an associate. His practice will be focused on state and local tax matters, real estate and finance.

Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, Rufer worked with the Arizona State Senate as a Research and Policy Analyst for the FIIR committee, the Superior Court–Civil Division and the Office of the Arizona Secretary of State. He most recently worked at a tax law firm where he assisted partners with a variety of legal issues. Rufer is a member of the State Bar of Arizona.

A *magna cum laude* graduate of the University of Arizona’s James E. Rogers College of Law, Rufer was the recipient of the Dean’s Achievement Award, the E. Blois DuBois Foundation Award and the Arizona State Bar Probate, Estate and Trust Scholarship. In addition, he was a member of the Order of the Coif and the 9th Circuit Bridge Program, and was selected as an Ares Fellow, a Writing Fellow and a member of the LEAD Mentoring program.

Rufer received dual undergraduate degrees *summa cum laude* from the Arizona State University W.P. Carey School of Business; a B.S. in Economics and a B.S. in Finance. During his college career he received the ASU Sun Devil Tuition Waiver, Chase Economic Scholar Award, the ASU Parents Association Award, the E. Blois DuBois Foundation Award and the Thrivent Financial Scholarship Award. His 4.0 average earned him the Moeur Award for the highest GPA in his graduating class.

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