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SNELL & WILMER PARTNER JOHN VRYHOF APPOINTED STATE CHAIR OF ARIZONA FOR THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRUST AND ESTATE COUNSEL

PHOENIX (March 14, 2012) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that John C. Vryhof, a partner in the Phoenix office, has been appointed State Chair of Arizona for the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). His Chair appointment is for a term of one year with presumptive appointments for a total of five years.

The ACTEC is a national organization of approximately 2,600 lawyers elected to membership by demonstrating the highest level of integrity, commitment to the profession, competence and experience as trust and estate counselors. Its members work to teach those who aspire to enter the field and to improve and reform laws, procedure and standards while working with their peers and other professional organizations.

One of the central purposes of ACTEC is to study and improve trust, estate and tax laws, procedures and professional responsibility. ACTEC and its Fellows file amicus briefs in appropriate cases, testify before Congress, provide in-depth analysis of administrative positions to the Internal Revenue Service, assist in the development of best practices for trust and estate lawyers, and participate actively in the development of the recommendations being promulgated by the international Financial Action Task Force.

Vryhof's practice is concentrated in estate planning, charitable planning, foundation and non-profit organizations, business succession planning, and international estate planning. Vryhof earned his J.D., cum laude, from the University of Michigan and his B.A., with high honors, from Michigan State University, Honors College.

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