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**VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM PRESENTS SNELL & WILMER WITH THE  
“LAW FIRM SUSTAINING AWARD OF EXCELLENCE”**

**PHOENIX (June 28, 2012)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce it was again presented with the “Law Firm Sustaining Award of Excellence” during the Volunteer Lawyers Program’s (VLP) “For Love of Justice” Pro Bono Awards ceremony on June 13, 2012. In addition, one of Snell & Wilmer’s Phoenix partners, Patrick X. Fowler, was recognized for his decades of leadership and service to the VLP.

Each year, the VLP recognizes and celebrates a number of individuals, organizations and law firms for their extraordinary contribution to clients in need and to the program, which covers Maricopa, Mohave, Yavapai and Yuma Counties. This year, Justice W. Scott Bales of the Arizona Supreme Court, along with former Arizona Chief Justice Frank X. Gordon, Jr. and Maricopa County Family Court Presiding Judge Carey Snyder Hyatt, presented the awards.

Snell & Wilmer has a long-time commitment to community service and leadership, and regards Pro Bono service as an important professional responsibility. For nearly 25 years, attorneys in the Phoenix office have gone every Tuesday evening to the VLP to conduct intake interviews of low-income individuals and families seeking Pro Bono legal assistance. During that time, hundreds of Snell & Wilmer lawyers have assisted thousands of VLP clients in various types of civil cases, including family law, guardianships, elder law, consumer fraud, public housing, home foreclosures, bankruptcy, landlord-tenant, government benefits, probate and tort defense, among others.

The VLP recognized Patrick X. Fowler for his leadership and service over the past 23 years. Fowler – who initiated Snell & Wilmer’s weekly client intake interviews at the VLP in 1989 – has served as a volunteer attorney and a member and Chair of the VLP Advisory Committee. He remains a member and is past President of the Board of Directors of Community Legal Services, Inc., one of the VLP’s parent organizations.

The VLP is a civil law project founded by Community Legal Services, Inc. and the Maricopa County Bar Association. It is based on the principle that access to the civil justice system is a fundamental right for all. It seeks to eliminate poverty-based inequities in the civil justice system by providing high-quality legal services to low-income Arizonans.

**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 Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; Denver, Colorado; Los Angeles and Orange County, California; Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada; Salt Lake City, Utah; 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](http://www.swlaw.com).

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