

**WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES HONORS M.C. SUNGAILA
WITH DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

LOS ANGELES (September 14, 2012) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Mary-Christine “M.C.” Sungaila, appellate partner in the firm’s Orange County and Los Angeles offices, was awarded with the 2012 [Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles \(WLALA\)](#) Distinguished Service Award at the Awards and Installation Dinner in Los Angeles on September 13, 2012.

WLALA is dedicated to promoting the full participation of women lawyers and judges in the legal profession and provides a wide range of career and business development resources for the professional advancement of women lawyers. The Distinguished Service Award aligns with the organization’s vision and honors a member who has brought honor and esteem to the organization by her commitment to public service. Sungaila is being honored with this award for demonstrating commitment through pro bono, community service, bar association activities and providing legal services to the underrepresented and disadvantaged.

[M.C. Sungaila](#) has briefed and argued appeals and business issues statewide as well as nationally and internationally. She has helped to define the scope of the duty to warn sophisticated users of product hazards, overturn multimillion dollar judgments, limit the reach of medical monitoring claims, clarify the standards for interstate enforcement of noncompete agreements and secure important rights for women worldwide. She has been pro bono counsel of record for amici in, or consulted on, over 17 women’s and civil rights cases before the United States Court, the Inter-American Commission, the Inter-American Court on Human Rights and the California Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal. Sungaila was named a Top Women Lawyer by the *Daily Journal* in 2011 and 2012, was listed on the *Best Lawyers in America*® Appellate Law list this year for the third consecutive year and is a 2012 *Super Lawyer*® in Appellate Law.

Sungaila is an active member of the Steering Committee of the ABA Women Rainmakers, a Vice-Chair of the Appellate Practice Committee of the International Association of Defense Counsel and recently was appointed to the Coastline Community College Foundation Board of Directors. As a contributing Editor of the ABA Section of Litigation’s Woman Advocate Newsletter, Sungaila is focusing the Winter 2012 issue on mentoring and features advice from a variety of ABA women leaders.

About Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.

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