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**THE 2012 ARIZONA CORPORATE EXCELLENCE AWARDS
RECOGNIZES SNELL & WILMER**

PHOENIX (August 17, 2012) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that it has been recognized as one of the top 50 largest private companies by the prestigious 2012 Arizona Corporate Excellence (ACE) Awards, presented by the Phoenix Business Journal. For the second year in a row, Snell & Wilmer was honored as the 18th largest privately held company in the state and was once again the only law firm listed in the top 50 private company rankings.

“Snell & Wilmer is honored to be recognized by the ACE Awards,” said John J. Bouma, chairman of Snell & Wilmer. “Since its founding in 1938, Snell & Wilmer has had the privilege to serve Arizona’s business community. We remain committed to providing superior legal services on a timely, effective and efficient basis.”

Held annually for the past 18 years, the ACE awards honor Arizona’s largest and fastest growing private companies. These companies generate over \$15 billion in revenue each year and employ over 40,000 people in Arizona and over 56,000 worldwide. The awards are based on company size and financial stability.

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.

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