

SNELL & WILMER HONORED AS A GOLDEN KEY PARTNER BY THE ORANGE COUNTY UNITED WAY

ORANGE COUNTY (October 25, 2012) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce its recognition by the Orange County United Way as a Golden Key Partner. Snell & Wilmer was one of 36 corporate partners and the only law firm that received this recognition for the 2011/12 campaign. The firm accepted the award, which included certificates of recognition from the California State Assembly, on October 18, 2012 at the Orange County United Way Bench & Bar Law Breakfast.

The Golden Key Partner Award recognizes corporate partners that demonstrate their commitment to impacting people's lives in our community by raising the most dollars during their annual campaigns for United Way's Community Impact Fund. The Orange County Office of Snell & Wilmer contributes to United Way through attorney and staff donations, firm contributions and a grant through the firm's charitable foundation. Through these programs, the firm and its employees contributed approximately \$70,000 to the Community Impact Fund, with an additional \$37,000 directed to other charities. In support of Snell & Wilmer's firm-wide commitment to early childhood education, over \$60,000 of the total contributed to the Orange County United Way was invested specifically in early childhood education programs.

"Snell & Wilmer has shown outstanding commitment to our community and to improving the lives of those most in need in Orange County as a Golden Key Partner," said Carla Vargas, Senior Vice President of Community Impact at Orange County United Way. "Snell & Wilmer has demonstrated this commitment through its generous charitable foundation grant strategically invested in early childhood education programs and its employee giving campaign. The Snell & Wilmer team consistently takes our community to greater heights when it comes to living and giving united."

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 Orange County and Los Angeles, California; Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; Denver, Colorado; 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 <u>www.swlaw.com</u>.

About Orange County United Way

Orange County United Way is a nonprofit organization that works to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of Orange County to strengthen our community. To do this, we focus on the Building Blocks for a self-sufficient life: Education, Income, and Health, by investing in Orange County children, families, and individuals, helping them meet their most basic human needs—food, shelter, and medical care—while creating pathways to self-sufficient futures through education and training. In short, we help people help themselves. To learn more, or to join our movement, visit <u>www.unitedwayoc.org</u>.