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**40 UNDER 40 NAMES SNELL & WILMER TUCSON ATTORNEY
MELISSA MARCUS TO CLASS OF 2012**

TUCSON (November 5, 2012) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Melissa A. Marcus, an associate in the Tucson office, has been selected as a member of Tucson's 40 Under 40 Class of 2012. The annual awards recognize young leaders in Tucson based on professional accomplishments, leadership qualities and community impact.

Ms. Marcus is a long-time volunteer and board leader for Tu Nidito, a local organization that offers support for children who are impacted by serious medical conditions or the death of a parent, sibling or other loved one. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Young Lawyers' Division of the Pima County Bar Association and has served as a volunteer organizer for the Pima County Superior Court's "Law Day" student event since 2009. Marcus also uses her considerable skills as a litigator to provide pro bono services to qualified individuals who would otherwise not have legal representation.

Marcus's practice at Snell & Wilmer is concentrated in product liability and commercial litigation. Her litigation experience includes matters involving pharmaceuticals and medical devices, class action defense, commercial contract disputes, insurance litigation, construction litigation, financial services litigation and receiverships. She is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Arizona, the United States District Court, District of Arizona and the United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. In addition, she is a member of firm-wide Hiring and Attorney Development committees and is Chair/Assigning Attorney for the Summer Associate Program in the Tucson office. Marcus received her *Juris Doctor* degree from Baylor University School of Law, where she served as Articles Editor for the *Baylor Law Review*.

The 40 under 40 awards were launched in 2005 by Tucson Business Edge. In 2008, the Arizona Daily Star became the host organization. This year, the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Star to organize the event. More than 360 highly qualified individuals were nominated for the 2012 list.

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