

**SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEY MELISSA MARCUS NAMED
40 UNDER 40 WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

TUCSON (December 13, 2012) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Melissa A. Marcus, an attorney in the Tucson office, has been named *40 Under 40* 2012 Woman of the Year. In conferring the award, the panel of judges described her as “an inspirational role model to others who aspire to community leadership.”

Marcus, whose legal practice is concentrated in product liability and commercial litigation, is a member of Snell & Wilmer’s firm-wide Hiring and Attorney Development committees and also serves as Chair/Assigning Attorney for the Summer Associate Program in the Tucson office. In addition, she uses her skills as a litigator to provide pro bono services to qualified individuals who would otherwise not have legal representation and to protect the interests of children.

In the community, Melissa Marcus serves a member of the Executive Committee and Secretary of the Board of Directors for Tu Nidito, a local non-profit agency dedicated to supporting children impacted by serious medical conditions or the death of a parent, sibling or other loved one. She has volunteered her time to Tu Nidito for five years, serving as member of the Governance and Remarkable Celebration committees before being elected Secretary. Marcus also served as chair of the décor committee for the “Remarkable Celebration,” the group’s major fundraising event, which raised \$240,000 for Tucson’s children in 2012. During the past year, more than 800 children were served through programs of individual, family and/or group support

A Tucson native, Marcus is a graduate of Canyon del Oro High School, where she began her commitment to the community by participating in Toys for Tots. During her college years, she received the United States Marine Corps Reserve Commander's Award in recognition of her volunteer efforts on behalf of the Toys for Tots program. Melissa Marcus graduated cum laude from the University of Arizona, where she was enrolled in the Honors College and received her B.S. in Psychology with a minor in Biochemistry and Political Science. She received her *Juris Doctor* degree from Baylor University School of Law.

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