

15TH ANNUAL REAL ESTATE TAX FORUM FEATURES PANELIST BAHAR SCHIPPEL

PHOENIX (February 8, 2013) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Bahar Schippel, a partner in the firm’s Phoenix office, was a panelist at the 15th Annual Real Estate Tax Forum which took place at the Practising Law Institute (PLI) in New York.

This year’s Forum highlighted the tax problems being encountered by practitioners in today’s typical commercial real estate transactions and structures, and examined the simple and sophisticated solutions being used by the experts. Panels of nationally-recognized real estate tax experts from major law and accounting firms provided attorneys, accountants and real estate professionals with a detailed analysis of the most sophisticated and creative tax planning techniques available for structuring, restructuring and unwinding different types of real estate transactions in today’s challenging capital markets environment.

A recurring panelist at the Forum, Schippel presented this year on “Workouts and Debt Restructuring” covering topics such as forgiveness of indebtedness, acquiring debt at a discount, working with lenders - forbearance and other debt modifications, and dealing with underwater properties. Schippel is a partner in Snell & Wilmer’s Tax, Employee Benefits & Estate Planning group, and is a Certified Specialist in Tax Law with the Arizona Board of Legal Specialization.

Schippel specializes in tax planning for joint ventures and real estate transactions, including 1031 exchanges, drafting LLC and partnership agreements, tax planning in connection with fund formation and operations, structuring tax-efficient debt workouts, designing service provider equity compensation for LLCs and partnerships and representing taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service and Arizona Department of Revenue. She serves on the ABA Tax Section Council as its Assistant Secretary. She also serves as a Vice-Chair of the Partnership Committee of the ABA Tax Section and is Past Chair of the Tax Section of the State Bar of Arizona. Schippel frequently speaks at national and regional tax conferences and contributes articles to top-tier tax publications. Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, she served as Attorney-Advisor for the United States Tax Court in Washington, DC, Teaching Assistant to the Honorable David Laro at Georgetown University Law Center, and Associate at Combs, Mack and Lind.

PLI is a non-profit continuing legal education organization chartered by the Regents of the University of the State of New York, founded in 1933. PLI is dedicated to providing the legal community and allied professionals with up-to-date, relevant information and techniques which are critical to the development of a professional, competitive edge. PLI achieves these goals through high quality Seminars held annually in locations across the United States, annually supplemented Treatises, Audio CDs and DVDs, MP3s, Live Webcasts, Course Handbooks, and On-Demand Learning. PLI is headquartered in New York City with an office in California. For more information about the Real Estate Tax Forum or to purchase the course handbook, please go to: [http://www.pli.edu/Content/Seminar/Real Estate Tax Forum 15th Annual/_N-4kZ1z12pk4?t=DFJ3_3RETX&ID=158639](http://www.pli.edu/Content/Seminar/Real_Estate_Tax_Forum_15th_Annual/_N-4kZ1z12pk4?t=DFJ3_3RETX&ID=158639)

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