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## **SNELL & WILMER CALIFORNIA OFFICE TO HOST PANEL ON CUSTOMS PROCESS FOR COMPONENT DISTRIBUTORS**

**ORANGE COUNTY (March 7, 2013)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that the Orange County, California office will host electronic component distributors throughout Southern California for a discussion of the U.S. Customs process as it relates to their industry at a complimentary breakfast seminar on Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

With an escalating influx of counterfeit electronic parts to the supply chain, understanding the latest regulations and procedures governing these imports is important to the success of businesses in the industry. The panel for this seminar will provide legal, government and industry perspectives on key topics surrounding the import of electronics components and the U.S. Customs process for handling suspected counterfeits and related trademark violations. Moderated by Snell & Wilmer Partner Keith Gregory, the panel includes Snell & Wilmer trade attorney, Richard Katz; Assistant Director of Trade for the Los Angeles Field Office of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Anne Maricich; and XTREME Semiconductor Senior Partner, Marty Lanning.

For more details and registration information for this event, please [click here](#).

[Keith Gregory](#), partner in the firm's Los Angeles office, practices in the areas of general business matters, corporate, franchise and partnership disputes, and intellectual property and commercial litigation. He was recently appointed to the SAE International AS6081 Committee, established to develop standards proscribing counterfeit parts avoidance requirements for independent distributors. Keith is an experienced litigator, with considerable background in intellectual property issues, licensing agreements, trade secret matters and Uniform Commercial Code issues, especially within the electronic components and semiconductor industries.

[Richard Katz](#), counsel in the firm's Phoenix office, represents U.S. and foreign importers and exporters with respect to U.S. government trade regulation, including the structuring of overseas sales transactions, Customs duties and compliance, federal agency regulation of imports, export licensing, penalties, and audits. He has represented clients in diverse industries, including consumer electronics, footwear, apparel, telecom, natural resources, logistics, and transportation. Typical clients include U.S. import and distribution companies, U.S. high tech exporters, foreign exporters, trade associations, and governmental entities.

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