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**ARIZONA FOUNDATION FOR LEGAL SERVICES & EDUCATION NAMES
TWO SNELL & WILMER ASSOCIATES AS 2013 TOP PRO BONO ATTORNEYS**

PHOENIX (June 12, 2013) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Andrea Dieterle and Christopher Payne, both associates in the Phoenix office, have been selected as recipients of the 2013 Top Pro Bono Attorneys in Arizona award.

The Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education instituted the annual award in 2001 to recognize attorneys who “have tirelessly given their time and expertise to assist Arizonans who would otherwise have no legal resources.” The nomination for this award came from the Volunteer Lawyer Program (VLP), which is a joint project of Community Legal Services and the Maricopa County Bar Association. VLP matches attorneys who wish to do pro bono work with low-income clients in need of civil legal assistance in order to bring hope and justice to those who are less fortunate. The State Bar of Arizona created the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education with the mission of promoting access to justice for all Arizonans.

Andrea Dieterle practices in Snell & Wilmer’s healthcare litigation group, with additional experience in commercial litigation and labor and employment. Her current practice focuses on defending a variety of claims brought against clients in the healthcare industry, including medical malpractice, defamation, and civil rights claims. She also counsels clients regarding compliance with applicable state and federal laws. Dieterle earned her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Chris Payne’s practice is concentrated in both transactional and litigation matters in the areas of land use and natural resources, including water, mining, environmental and real estate law. His practice includes assisting clients with water rights, mineral title and permitting, environmental permitting and compliance, and land-use issues. Payne earned his J.D. from the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law.

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