

**SNELL & WILMER PARTNER DON BIVENS ELECTED CHAIR OF THE
ABA SECTION OF LITIGATION**

PHOENIX (August 12, 2013) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Don Bivens, a partner in the Phoenix office who focuses his practice on complex litigation and corporate investigations, has been elected Chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Litigation. His one-year term began August 9.

The 60,000-member Section of Litigation is the largest in the ABA and the nation’s leading organization for lawyers involved in litigation and trial practice. The Section produces top-flight professional education for litigators nationwide and serves as the voice of the profession on matters related to Courts and the administration of justice.

Bill Bay of Thompson Coburn and immediate past chair of the Section of Litigation said, “Don is a great leader and exceptional litigator.” Bay added, “He has a long history of service to the profession, to the public and to the section of litigation. I am confident we will be well served.”

In addition to his new role at the ABA, Bivens has previously served on the ABA’s Board of Governors and was elected three times statewide as Arizona’s State Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates. He is a past president of the Western States Bar Conference, the State Bar of Arizona and the Maricopa County Bar Association. He has also chaired Arizona’s Lawyer Representatives to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference and is a member of the American Law Institute.

“I am honored to serve as Chair of the Litigation Section and will do my best to uphold its core values of professional excellence and public service,” said Bivens. “This is a great challenge and I look forward to it.”

At Snell & Wilmer, Bivens has represented clients at trial in a wide variety of matters involving securities fraud, patent infringement, lender liability, environmental liability, professional negligence, officer and director liability, products liability, employment discrimination, real estate and construction, business torts and class actions. His practice also encompasses government relations.

A former state chair of the Arizona Democratic Party, Bivens received his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law, where he served as Note and Comment Editor on the Texas Law Review. He graduated with a B.A. in English, *magna cum laude*, from Yale University.

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