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SNELL & WILMER ADDS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND COMMERCIAL FINANCE ATTORNEYS TO PHOENIX OFFICE

PHOENIX (August 30, 2013) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that intellectual property attorney Marie Aucoin and commercial finance attorney Lorna Banister have both joined the Phoenix office as counsel.

Aucoin is an experienced patent attorney in the biotech and pharmaceutical fields. Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, Aucoin worked as in-house counsel for a multi-national pharmaceutical company in Connecticut and Massachusetts, where she handled a diverse patent portfolio and counseled clients on all aspects of patent law. After completing her PhD in biochemistry at the University of London, she received her *juris doctor* from Suffolk Law School in Boston and her B.S. in Biological Sciences from the University of Plymouth. Aucoin is not currently admitted to practice in Arizona, she is admitted to practice law in Massachusetts.

Banister joins Snell & Wilmer from a real estate investment, finance, management and development company in Miami Beach where she served as in-house counsel, managing various types of litigation matters and supervising outside counsel on all aspects of litigation. Prior to that, she was an associate at the oldest law firm in Fort Lauderdale, practicing general civil law, with a concentration in real estate law. Banister received her B.A. in Political Science from Trinity University in San Antonio. She earned her *juris doctor* from Southern Methodist University, School of Law in Dallas, Texas and most recently received her LL.M. in Real Property from the University of Miami.

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