

**PHOENIX BUSINESS JOURNAL NAMES SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEY
MANUEL CAIRO AS 2013 DIVERSITY CHAMPION**

PHOENIX (October 11, 2013) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Manuel Cairo, an attorney in the Phoenix office, was named as one of the *Phoenix Business Journal's* 2013 Diversity Champions. The awards reception was held at the Arizona Historical Society and included a recognition ceremony for all of the honorees.

Cairo stated, “I am both humbled and honored that the Phoenix community has chosen me for this recognition. My efforts, though, do not exist without the genuine interest and support of others. There is no question that addressing matters concerning diversity and inclusion is a shared responsibility. Snell & Wilmer is committed to, and vested in, promoting diversity and inclusion in the legal profession and becoming a leader in this regard. I am privileged to play in role in that endeavor.”

The annual program is focused on honoring individuals in the Valley who are leading the way in promoting diversity in the community and organizations. The goal of the program is to identify diversity champions, and to report on their achievements in the hope they serve as role models and sources of inspiration for all. The *Phoenix Business Journal* convened a panel of diversity leaders in the community, and selected the honorees.

At Snell & Wilmer, Cairo represents employers in single and multi-plaintiff disputes in federal and state courts regarding discrimination, harassment, retaliation, breach of contract, wage and hour, trade secrets, wrongful termination, business torts and other types of employment matters. His practice also focuses on counseling employers on immigration worksite enforcement and corporate compliance strategies. In addition to his substantive practice, Cairo chairs the firm's Committee on Diversity & Inclusion. He was recently recognized as one of the *Phoenix Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 and as a Southwest Super Lawyer - Rising Star. He earned his B.A. from the University of California Los Angeles and his J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law.

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