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**THE 2013 ACE AWARDS HONORS SNELL & WILMER**

**PHOENIX (October 15, 2013)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that for the third year in a row, the firm has been recognized as one of the top 50 largest private companies by the 2013 Arizona Corporate Excellence (ACE) Awards, presented by the *Phoenix Business Journal*. Snell & Wilmer was honored as the 17th largest privately held company in the state and was once again the only law firm listed in the top 50 private company rankings.

“It is an honor for Snell & Wilmer to be recognized by the ACE Awards,” said John Bouma, chairman of the firm. “For over 75 years, our firm has taken great pride in maintaining the highest level of professional integrity while providing quality legal services to our clients and leadership in our communities.”

The goal of the ACE Awards is to develop an increasing sense of knowledge-sharing and community among private companies in Arizona. According to the *Phoenix Business Journal*, the largest private companies in Arizona generate revenues of over \$15 billion per year. Together, these companies employ over 40,000 employees in the State of Arizona, over 56,000 employees worldwide and are important to the economy of Arizona. The awards are based on company size and financial stability.

**About Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.**

Founded in 1938, Snell & Wilmer is a full-service business law firm with more than 400 attorneys practicing in nine locations throughout the western United States and in Mexico, including Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; Los Angeles and Orange County, California; Denver, Colorado; Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Los Cabos, Mexico. The firm represents clients ranging from large, publicly traded corporations to small businesses, individuals and entrepreneurs. For more information, visit [www.swlaw.com](http://www.swlaw.com).

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