

**RECOGNITION FOR SNELL & WILMER ORANGE COUNTY  
APPELLATE ATTORNEYS DEREVAN AND SUNGAILA**

**ORANGE COUNTY (October 15, 2013)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that two attorneys in the firm’s Orange County appellate law group have received recent recognition. On October 14, Richard A. Derevan received the Orange County Bar Association’s David G. Sills Award for Appellate Excellence and on October 10, Mary-Christine “M.C.” Sungaila received the California Women Lawyers’ (CWL) 2013 Judith Soley Lawyer as Citizen Award.

The David G. Sills Award is a singular honor recognizing excellence in the Southern California appellate bar and bench. Derevan, who is of counsel at Snell & Wilmer and a past chair of the Appellate Law Section, is the first attorney to receive this honor. A California State Bar certified appellate specialist, Derevan has been lead counsel in more than 300 state and federal appeals and writ proceedings. He has earned his widespread reputation as an effective and ethical appellate advocate. The Orange County Bar Association Appellate Law section bestowed the first award in 2010 to its namesake, the Honorable David G. Sills, who served as Presiding Justice of the California Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division Three, for 20 years. Later awards recognized Associate Justices Sheila Prell Sonenshine (ret.) and William F. Rylaardsam.

The Judith Soley Lawyer as Citizen Award is conferred only when, in the CWL board's view, a worthy candidate is presented. Sungaila, a partner at Snell & Wilmer, is the first to receive the award, which celebrates a lawyer who is an excellent, civil and honorable lawyer; possesses a demonstrated commitment and passion regarding civic and charitable engagement; values compassion and empathy along with advocacy when addressing clients' individual needs; works to improve the legal system through education and involvement in bar associations; participates in the public life of his or her community, state and nation; is a leader, a role model and mentor; and demonstrates a commitment to the mission of California Women Lawyers.

Derevan and Sungaila have both been recognized multiple times in *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business*, *The Best Lawyers in America®* and *Southern California Super Lawyers®* in the area of appellate law. Additionally, *Best Lawyers* recognized Derevan as a 2014 “Lawyer of the Year” for appellate law in Orange County, *Super Lawyers* named him one of the top 50 attorneys in Orange County each year since 2005 and *Benchmark Litigation* included him in their 2013 Ninth Circuit Litigation Star-California Appellate Rankings. Sungaila was also recognized by *Super Lawyers* as one of the top 50 attorneys in Orange County in 2012 and one of the top 50 female attorneys in Orange County from 2008-2012. Her other recent honors include being named one of the *Daily Journal’s* “Top Women Lawyers” each year since 2011, inclusion in *The Recorder’s* 2012 list of 40 “Women Leaders in the Law” and recognition from the Women Lawyers’ Association of Los Angeles with the Distinguished Service Award in 2012.

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