

**SNELL & WILMER PARTNER PATRICIA LEE REFO NOMINATED
BY ABA HOUSE OF DELEGATES TO SERVE AS CHAIR**

PHOENIX (February 10, 2014) – Snell & Wilmer partner Patricia Lee Refo has been nominated by the American Bar Association (ABA) House of Delegates to serve as chair for the two-year period from August 2014 through August 2016. The House of Delegates will formally elect its next chair in August 2014.

The House of Delegates is the ABA’s policymaking body, and the two-year post of chair is the second-highest office in the organization. There are 560 delegates in the House, including representatives of state and local bar associations, substantive legal sections and divisions of the ABA, and affiliated organizations and conferences of the Judicial Division, as well as former ABA officers, members of the Board of Governors, at-large delegates, and state delegates. Action taken by the House of Delegates on specific issues becomes official policy of the ABA.

With nearly 400,000 judges, lawyers and associate members from around the globe, the ABA is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world. As the national voice of the legal profession in the United States, the ABA works to improve the administration of justice and to build public understanding around the world of the importance of the rule of law. For more information, visit www.americanbar.org.

At Snell & Wilmer, Refo concentrates her practice in complex commercial litigation and internal investigations, with extensive experience in financial institutions litigation, professional malpractice defense, class actions, trade secret litigation, and commercial and business torts. She chairs the firm's professional liability litigation group. Chief Justice Rehnquist appointed Refo to two terms on the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Evidence and she is a member of the Arizona Supreme Court's Evidence Committee. She is a former Chair of the ABA Section of Litigation.

About Snell & Wilmer

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.

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