

**DESERT SOUTHWEST DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN LIVER FOUNDATION ELECTS
SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEY LORNA BANISTER TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

PHOENIX (April 18, 2014) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that [Lorna Banister](#), counsel with the firm’s real estate and commercial finance group, has been elected to the board of directors for the Desert Southwest Division of the [American Liver Foundation](#).

The Desert Southwest Division works to support the national mission to facilitate, advocate and promote education, support and research for the prevention, treatment and cure of liver disease. Led by a voluntary board of directors and medical advisory committee, the Desert Southwest Division offers up-to-date information and support to individuals with liver disease and their families, caregivers, friends, health care professionals and the local community. The Division covers the states of Arizona, Texas, New Mexico and Utah with seven support groups in the geographic area.

At Snell & Wilmer, Banister focuses her practice on all aspects of commercial real estate transactions, including acquisitions, development and complex commercial financing involving commercial mortgage-backed securities, participation interests and mezzanine loans. She represents secured lenders, special servicers, borrowers and guarantors in matters that include creditors’ rights, commercial foreclosures, bankruptcy, guaranty and lender liability matters. Prior to joining the firm, Banister was employed by a national real estate investment, finance, management and development company, where she served as in-house counsel for the largest special servicer of commercial mortgage-backed securities loans in the country.

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