

MANAGING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MAGAZINE NAMES FOUR SNELL & WILMER PARTNERS AS ARIZONA "IP STARS"

PHOENIX (June 13, 2014) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Phoenix partners <u>Charles Hauff</u>, <u>Sid</u> <u>Leach</u>, <u>David Rogers</u> and <u>Howard Sobelman</u> have once again been named as Arizona "IP Stars" by *Managing Intellectual Property* magazine.

This annual listing of "IP Stars" highlights firms and individual attorneys' strengths in transactional law and IP litigation, offering an examination of the IP market in the United States. Research for this publication was based on hundreds of interviews and thousands of surveys of partners at law firms active in the United States. The *Managing Intellectual Property IP Handbook* states that Snell & Wilmer's IP attorneys focus "in various areas of transactional law and IP litigation." The publication goes on to say, "The firm receives especially strong praise with regard to patent and trademark prosecution and counseling on behalf of clients in technology, telecommunications, energy and pharmaceutical industries, to name a few."

Charles Hauff is co-chair of Snell & Wilmer's intellectual property practice. His professional background includes intellectual property counseling, patent, trademark and copyright prosecution, related litigation and licensing. He has technical experience in, among other fields, the chemical, biotechnical, mechanical, electromechanical, computer software, medical products, acoustics and life sciences disciplines. Hauff has handled a variety of litigation matters for clients of varying sizes both in the United States and abroad.

Sid Leach's practice focuses on intellectual property litigation. He has more than 30 years of experience litigating intellectual property cases, including patent cases, trade secret cases, trademark cases, proceedings before the International Trade Commission, proceedings before the Court of Federal Claims, Patent Office interference proceedings, trademark opposition proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, and copyright cases. He has appeared in intellectual property cases in courts located in more than twenty states. In 2009, Leach obtained one of the top ten jury verdicts in Arizona.

David Rogers practices patent, trademark and unfair competition law, including litigation, patent and trademark preparation and prosecution; *inter partes* trademark proceedings including oppositions, cancellations and domain name disputes; and preparing manufacturing, consulting and technology contracts. He is the coauthor of two books on intellectual property.

Howard Sobelman is co-chair of Snell & Wilmer's intellectual property practice group. His practice is concentrated in intellectual property law, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, licensing and intellectual property, due diligence related to software, hardware, internet, business methods, financial planning, insurance products, medical products, mechanical, biotechnology, fiber optics, holography and various other technologies. In addition, he has worked with a number of clients to develop creative global protection strategies.

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