

**ABA PRESIDENT APPOINTS BARBARA DAWSON
TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY**

PHOENIX (August 12, 2014) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that [Barbara Dawson](#), a partner in the Phoenix office, has been appointed to the Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary (FJC) of the American Bar Association (ABA).

The FJC evaluates the professional qualifications of all nominees to the Supreme Court of the United States, circuit courts of appeals, district courts (including territorial district courts) and the Court of International Trade. The Committee's goal is to support and encourage the selection of the best-qualified persons for the federal judiciary. It restricts its evaluation to issues bearing on professional qualifications and does not consider a nominee's philosophy or ideology. The Committee's peer-review process is structured to achieve impartial evaluations of the integrity, professional competence and judicial temperament of nominees for the federal judiciary. The FJC consists of 15 members – two members from the Ninth Circuit, one member from each of the other 12 federal judicial circuits and one member-at-large. The members are appointed for staggered three-year terms by the President of the ABA.

At Snell & Wilmer, Dawson co-chairs the firm's commercial litigation practice group and its international practice group and serves on its multi-office executive committee. She has more than 20 years of experience representing companies in complex business litigation involving class actions, consumer and securities claims, tax issues and other matters adverse to governmental entities. Her litigation experience includes several wins before the Arizona Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and Federal District Court, as well as service as a Judge *Pro Tempore* and mediator for the Maricopa County Superior Court. She frequently assists boards of directors and companies with regulatory compliance issues and internal investigations often involving non-U.S. parties and venues.

Dawson recently completed a term as Chair of the Board of Directors for Lex Mundi, an international affiliation of 160 independent law firms located in 100 countries. In addition, she was the 2013 recipient of the annual Walter E. Craig Distinguished Service Award, given by the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education. Other accomplishments include serving as the Chair of the State Bar Association Legal Services Committee, on the Bar's Access to Justice Task Force, as Chair of the Lex Mundi Pro Bono Foundation. In 2009, Dawson was honored with the ATHENA Award – Business Woman of the Year by the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce.

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