

**SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEY LINDSEY MARTÍNEZ RECEIVES  
2014 PRESIDENT'S PRO BONO SERVICE AWARD**

**ORANGE COUNTY (September 25, 2014)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that attorney [Lindsey Martínez](#) has been selected as one of nine recipients of the 2014 President's Pro Bono Service Awards for her commitment to pro bono legal services for the Public Law Center (PLC) in Orange County in 2013. Recipients were announced at the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual State Bar of California Meeting in San Diego, held September 11-14. Martínez received one of two awards given in the recently admitted category. Luis J. Rodriguez, 2013-2014 President of the State Bar of California (right) and the Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California (left) are pictured below with Martínez (center).

The California State Bar Board of Trustees created the President's Pro Bono Service Awards in 1983. The awards recognize California attorneys, law firms and associations of California lawyers who have provided or enabled the direct provision of legal services to poor persons or organizations whose primary purpose is to provide legal services to the poor, free of charge, without expectation of compensation from the client, in the preceding calendar year.



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Martínez provided more than 250 pro bono hours on 18 separate matters in 2013 for the PLC in Orange County. Among those cases, she helped non-immigrant clients who were victims of domestic violence and violent crimes obtain legal status and permanent residency through U-Visas and Adjustment of Status Applications. Fluent in Spanish, Martínez was able to communicate with the majority of her clients in their native language. Additionally, Martínez assisted four victims of human trafficking to obtain T-Visas, allowing them to remain in the U.S. In conjunction with these cases, she arranged for the clients' restitution request with the Department of Justice, resulting in all four clients receiving significant restitution payments. Martínez also represented individuals seeking asylum, withholding of removal, and Convention Against Torture relief due to fear of persecution and torture in their home countries before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. In addition to managing her case load as a commercial litigator and overseeing her pro bono matters, Martínez serves on the PLC Advocates executive committee, a group that encourages young attorneys to perform pro bono work.

Martínez received her J.D. from The George Washington University Law School in 2010 and her B.A. from University of Connecticut.

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