

WHO'S WHO LEGAL: LITIGATION 2014 RECOGNIZES FOUR SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEYS

PHOENIX (November 14, 2014) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that attorneys <u>Don Bivens</u>, <u>Barbara</u> <u>Dawson</u>, <u>Neil Peck</u> and <u>Patricia Lee Refo</u> have been selected for inclusion in Who's Who Legal: Litigation 2014.

Nominees are selected based upon comprehensive, independent survey work with both general counsel and private practice lawyers worldwide. Since 1996, Who's Who Legal, published by Law Business Research Limited, has identified the foremost legal practitioners in multiple areas of business law. In total, their website features over 16,000 of the World's leading private practice lawyers from over 100 national jurisdictions. They pride themselves on the integrity and authority of their findings, and it is impossible to buy entry into the publication. Their services are designed to reduce the short-term costs incurred in finding a lawyer and minimize the transaction expense and risk of receiving poor counsel. They act as a reference source for companies seeking to corroborate the reputations of expert lawyers recommended by another party. It is not possible to buy entry into any Who's Who Legal publication.

Bivens is the immediate past chair of the 55,000-member Section of Litigation of the American Bar Association. He is also past president of the State Bar of Arizona and a member of the American Law Institute. Bivens handles complex litigation and corporate investigations. He has tried cases involving securities fraud, patent infringement, trade secrets, lender liability, environmental liability, professional negligence, officer and director liability, products liability, employment discrimination, real estate and construction matters, significant estate disputes, business torts and class actions. Bivens leads internal investigations for corporations and special committees of corporate boards on a variety of issues. He also handles election law and government relations. Bivens is a frequent speaker and teacher of trial practice skills, and a frequent contributor to *Litigation Journal* published by the ABA Section of Litigation.

Dawson co-chairs Snell & Wilmer's commercial litigation and international practices and recently was elected to serve on the firm's Executive Committee. She has more than 20 years of experience representing companies in complex business litigation and handling internal investigations. Dawson currently serves in leadership of the ABA's Section of Litigation and on the ABA's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary that vets and rates federal judicial candidates. She 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. Dawson has been recognized among the Best Lawyers in America[©] for Bet-the-Company Litigation, by the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce as the Business Woman of the Year/Athena Award recipient and by the State Bar Foundation with its Distinguished Service/Walter E. Craig Award.

Peck concentrates his practice in complex civil and criminal litigation, including appeals, involving commercial, trade regulation, environmental, natural resources, white collar criminal defense and international issues. He represents major American and international corporate clients, including corporate officers, in complex civil and criminal business litigation matters involving issues such as accounting fraud, foreign corrupt practices, environmental, natural resources, antitrust and false advertising.

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. Refo recently received the President's Award at the annual State Bar of Arizona Convention. She presently serves as chair of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association (ABA), is former Chair of the ABA Section of Litigation and a former member of the Evidence Rules Advisory Committee of the United States Judicial Conference.

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