

**SNELL & WILMER PARTNER ANDREW JACOBS APPOINTED TO
ARIZONA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TASK FORCE**

TUCSON (December 15, 2014) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Tucson partner [Andrew Jacobs](#) has been appointed to the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure Task Force, effective immediately.

The 16-member Task Force was established through an administrative order of the Arizona Supreme Court on November 24. Its purpose is to comprehensively review the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure to identify possible changes to conform to modern usage, to clarify and simplify language and to avoid unintended variation from language in counterpart federal rules. The changes are meant to promote access to the courts and the resolution of cases without unnecessary cost, delay, or complexity. The Supreme Court's Order establishing the Task Force directs it to seek input from various interested persons and entities with the goal of submitting a rules petition by January 2016 with respect to any proposed rule changes.

Jacobs is one of 11 lawyers Chief Justice Bales appointed to the Task Force. Jacobs' work on the Task Force complements his chairmanship of the State Bar rules committee, the work of which relates closely to the work of the Task Force. At Snell & Wilmer, Jacobs' practice is concentrated in trial and appellate litigation including contract, financial services, probate, professional responsibility, debtor/creditor and civil rights matters. He has argued appeals before the Seventh Circuit, the Ninth Circuit and also its Bankruptcy Appellate Panel, the Nevada Supreme Court and the Arizona Court of Appeals, and is the chair of the Firm's appellate practice subgroup. He has also tried cases in Tucson, Bisbee, Phoenix and Chicago.

Among his professional pursuits, Jacobs is a member of the Arizona Judicial Performance Review Commission, has coordinated the Ninth Circuit's pro bono program from 2007 to the present in Arizona and Nevada, is an attorney coordinator of the Arizona Court of Appeals' new pro bono program, and founded and coordinated the District of Arizona's pro bono program from 2007 to 2014. He also previously taught both Legal Writing and Civil Rights at the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law.

About Snell & Wilmer

Founded in 1938, Snell & Wilmer is a full-service business law firm with more than 400 attorneys practicing in nine locations throughout the western United States and in Mexico, including Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona; Los Angeles and Orange County, California; Denver, Colorado; Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Los Cabos, Mexico. The firm represents clients ranging from large, publicly traded corporations to small businesses, individuals and entrepreneurs. For more information, visit www.swlaw.com.

###