

**ARIZONA GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS APPOINT TWO SNELL & WILMER
ATTORNEYS TO HIGH-LEVEL POSITIONS**

PHOENIX (December 19, 2014) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that two attorneys in the Phoenix office have been appointed to senior positions in Arizona government. Michael Liburdi will serve as General Counsel for Governor Doug Ducey and Eric Spencer will serve as State Election Director under Secretary of State Michele Reagan. Both Liburdi and Spencer will assume their respective roles beginning January 5, 2015.

While at Snell & Wilmer, Liburdi and Spencer were pivotal in the development of the firm’s political law and government relations practice group. Most recently, Liburdi served as outside counsel to Ducey’s gubernatorial campaign and Spencer was co-counsel with attorney [Brett Johnson](#) to Republican Martha McSally in the State’s first-ever congressional recount in a general election in Arizona’s Second Congressional District. In addition to representing Ducey and McSally, Snell & Wilmer’s political law and government relations group represented Jeff DeWit’s campaign for Arizona State Treasurer, Michele Reagan’s campaign for Arizona Secretary of State, Ruben Gallego’s campaign for Arizona’s Seventh Congressional District, and several other candidates and non-profit organizations involved in the 2014 election cycle. Liburdi previously served at the Federal Elections Commission and Spencer served in the U.S. Army and is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Combat Infantry Badge.

“We are extremely happy for the great opportunities that lie ahead of Mike and Eric. Their appointments recognize the depth and breadth of their talents and experience. They will serve our state with dedication and distinction,” said Johnson, a partner in the Phoenix office and the firm’s political law and government relations practice group co-leader. [Adam Lang](#), also a partner in the Phoenix office and co-leader of the practice group, added, “They are very able attorneys who will contribute their efforts to make Arizona a better state.”

Snell & Wilmer’s political law and government relations practice group has provided bipartisan representation for individuals, businesses and non-profits faced with rapidly changing government regulation and legislation. The ability to understand, comply with and influence law is critical to economic success, public perception and market growth. Business leaders, political candidates, political action and fund raising committees, and government officials also need prompt informal legal guidance on rapidly changing laws and regulations, and representation in regard to governmental inquiries. Snell & Wilmer’s political law and government relations group continues to offer experience across more than two dozen practice areas, allowing it to stay abreast of evolving legal trends and anticipated client needs.

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