

**SNELL & WILMER PARTNER M.C. SUNGAILA TO INTERVIEW CHIEF JUSTICE
OF CALIFORNIA AT UCLA-RAND CONFERENCE**

ORANGE COUNTY (January 8, 2015) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Orange County and Los Angeles appellate partner [M.C. Sungaila](#) will facilitate a discussion with Chief Justice of California Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye during the lunch keynote of the UCLA-RAND Center for Law & Public Policy conference, “Discount Justice: State Court Budgeting in an Era of Fiscal Austerity,” which will take place at RAND Corporation in Santa Monica on January 12, 2015.

Since the onset of the economic downturn, the American Bar Association and many judicial groups have attempted to shine a light on court resourcing problems that have arisen in states and communities across the United States. Nevertheless, court budgeting remains a significant challenge in many jurisdictions. At this conference, the UCLA-RAND Center for Law and Public Policy will bring together academic, judicial, business and policy leaders to foster discussion and debate about state court budgeting. Panelists and participants will address, among other topics, the current status of court funding, variations in court governance across states and the impact of fiscal constraints on access to justice and business-to-business litigation.

UCLA School of Law and the nonprofit RAND Corporation enjoy a unique partnership, embodied in The UCLA-RAND Center for Law and Public Policy. The center’s mission is to produce innovative legal scholarship that is grounded in multidisciplinary empirical analysis, which will guide legal and public policymakers in the 21st Century. The main activities of the center include ongoing stand-alone research projects on multiple topics and conferences on vital civil justice topics.

The RAND Corporation is a nonprofit research organization providing objective analysis and effective solutions that address the challenges facing the public and private sectors around the world. RAND is known for research on public policy issues based on an interdisciplinary and empirical approach that yields results with the highest standards of quality, objectivity and independence. The Institute for Civil Justice (ICJ) continues to uphold these standards of research in order to make changes in the civil justice system by circulating their findings to the government and private decision makers, as well as the general public.

Ms. Sungaila serves on the RAND ICJ Board of Overseers, which is comprised of influential members of the legal community including senior corporate officials and general counsels, senior partners of major law firms, consumer and labor organization executives, senior members of the judiciary and leading academic scholars. All members are devoted to furthering the mission of the ICJ to help make the civil justice system more efficient and equitable.

Ms. Sungaila has consistently briefed and argued appeals raising cutting-edge core business issues, and has helped secure important rights for women and girls, nationally and internationally. Twice named a “Notable Appellate Practitioner” by Chambers, she is described by clients in one Chambers listing as a “gifted appellate lawyer who consistently delivers bottom line results.” Clients call on her to craft winning approaches to emerging legal issues across multiple cases and jurisdictions. Clients also value her strategic approach during pretrial and trial consultations in cases where an appeal by either side appears inevitable or a “key case” outcome might impact a whole series of cases for a client.

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