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MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOUNDATION ELECTS ATTORNEY ASHLEY KASARJIAN AS VICE CHAIR OF THE FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PHOENIX (May 14, 2015) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that [Ashley T. Kasarjian](#), an attorney in the Phoenix office, has been elected as Vice Chair of the [Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation](#) Board of Directors. She will serve her two-year term beginning in June.

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization designated by the Maricopa County Community College District to receive and manage gifts on behalf of its ten colleges, two skill centers and multiple satellite centers. The Foundation actively seeks contributions from a variety of public and private sources including individuals, corporations and other foundations. It acts as a trustee for donations to assure that gifts are distributed in the manner specified by the donor. Over the past 30 years, the Foundation has raised more than \$38 million and provided in excess of \$14 million in scholarships to more than 28,000 students.

Kasarjian joined the Board in 2011 and was previously highlighted for her work with the Foundation in the Foundation's 2013-14 [Annual Report](#) (see page 16). Part of her highlighted success with the Board was her work with Snell & Wilmer to establish an endowed scholarship fund to benefit women who attend any of the ten Maricopa Community Colleges. The Snell & Women Leader Scholarship was established in 2014 and is awarded annually to a minority woman with a minimum 3.0 GPA who has demonstrated strong leadership abilities and a commitment to serving her community through meaningful involvement with community activities, organizations or members.

Kasarjian was also invited to attend the White House viewing of President Obama's State of the Union address this year. The State of the Union Social was featured in [Maricopa Matters](#) (see page 10). "I wanted to attend the event as a result of the President's current community college initiative," she said. "I was intrigued by his proposal to make two years of community college free for qualifying students." Social media was encouraged for those in attendance to promote engagement with those watching the State of the Union, therefore, Kasarjian live-tweeted the event on Twitter and posted about it on her [employment law blog](#). In June, Kasarjian is co-hosting the "Women of Maricopa" networking event for the Foundation at the Wells Fargo Museum, which will bring together leaders throughout the community.

At Snell & Wilmer, Kasarjian is a labor and employment attorney with experience in litigation, employment counseling/advice and internal investigations. She also regularly defends employers contesting federal and state citations from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), or its state equivalent. Kasarjian earned her J.D. from Vanderbilt University Law School where she was an Honor Scholar, and her B.A. and B.S. from Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University.



Ashley Kasarjian

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