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SIX SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEYS NAMED "RISING STARS" BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SUPER LAWYERS

LOS ANGELES and ORANGE COUNTY (June 10, 2015) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that six attorneys from the firm's California offices have been named "Rising Stars" by Southern California Super Lawyers[®] publication for 2015. This recognition is awarded to no more than 2.5 percent of Southern California's licensed attorneys. The following attorneys were recognized:

Tony Ippolito is a partner in the Orange County office who advises companies and their owners in business transactions and securities law matters. Ippolito has experience in mergers and acquisitions; private placements and venture capital financings; loan financings; securities offerings and reporting compliance; entity formations and governance; owner relations, buyouts, and disputes; and general contract negotiations. He has represented clients in a wide variety of industries, including technology, pharmaceutical and medical products, manufacturing and retail.

Erin Denniston Leach is an associate in the Orange County office whose practice is concentrated in employment litigation and counseling. She provides clients with ongoing counseling on a wide range of personnel matters including hiring and termination decisions, employment agreements, policy drafting, wage and hour issues, and employee medical leave. Leach represents employers in state and federal courts and arbitration, as well as before administrative agencies, in disputes regarding wrongful termination, discrimination, sexual harassment, unfair competition, trade secrets, reasonable accommodation of disabilities, retaliation, wage and hour (individual and class actions), and other types of employment matters.

<u>Marjorie Witter Norman</u> is an associate in the Los Angeles office who practices intellectual property counseling and litigation. She has experience with patent, trademark, unfair competition and trade secret matters in front of several federal district courts, the U.S. International Trade Commission and the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. Marjorie also helps clients obtain and protect their intellectual property through trademark preparation and prosecution, portfolio strategy, licensing, clearance, and opposition and cancellation proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

Joshua Schneiderman is a partner in the Los Angeles office and a member of the firm's corporate and securities group. He advises clients on a wide range of transactional matters, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and public and private offerings of debt and equity securities. In addition, Schneiderman advises clients on matters related to franchising, including the establishment of new franchise systems and the expansion of existing franchise systems nationally and internationally. He also advises public and private companies on corporate governance matters, and serves as outside general counsel to many of his clients.

<u>Jeff Singletary</u> is an associate in the Orange County office who concentrates his practice on business litigation in state and federal courts. He represents clients in matters involving breach of contract, business competition torts, real estate, public and private construction projects, and various intellectual property litigation matters, including trademark, trade dress, trade secret and patent claims.

Elizabeth Weldon is a partner in the Orange County and Los Angeles offices who concentrates her practice on business litigation, franchise litigation, and intellectual property litigation. She represents franchisors in matters including breach of contract, trademark and trade name infringement, business competition torts, and franchise law claims. Additionally, Elizabeth represents both large and small businesses in intellectual property and other litigation matters, including trademark, trade dress, trade secret, breach of contract, and tort claims.

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