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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AWARDS SNELL & WILMER WITH FREEDOM AWARD
FOR SUPPORT OF RESERVE EMPLOYEES**

PHOENIX (August 27, 2015) – The U.S. Department of Defense recognized Snell & Wilmer with the 2015 Employer Support Freedom Award, the highest recognition given by the United States Government to employers for their support of their employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve. Deputy Defense Secretary Robert Work lauded the recipients for their support, saying their sacrifices helped make the military contributions by members of the National Guard and Reserve possible. The firm is one of only 15 nationwide recipients of this prestigious honor. Snell & Wilmer chairman [Matthew Feeney](#) accepted the award at a ceremony on August 21 at the Pentagon in Washington. Feeney was accompanied by a firm partner and award nominator, Marine Corps Reservist Col. [Richard Erickson](#).

“We are extremely honored to receive the Freedom Award,” said Feeney. “For many years, Snell & Wilmer has proudly supported the Guard and Reserve, as well as their families. While this award recognizes that support, it belongs to the extraordinary men and women in our firm who serve our country and who grace our workplace with their talents, dedication and commitment.”

The 2015 Freedom Award recipients were selected from more than 2,950 nominations received from guardsmen and reservists for going far beyond what the federal law requires to support military employees. Secretary of Defense William Perry instituted the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award in 1996 under the auspices of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. In the 20 years since, only 205 employers have received the award.



Richard Erickson (Left) and Matthew Feeney (Right), stand with the Department of Defense Freedom Award.

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 Phoenix and Tucson, 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.

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