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JOHN BOUMA HONORED WITH 2015 GOLD 'N GAVEL AMICUS AWARD FROM THE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR COLLEGE OF LAW AT ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

PHOENIX (October 1, 2015) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that partner [John J. Bouma](#) received the Gold 'n Gavel Amicus Award from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University (ASU Law). The award was presented as part of the Third Annual Gold 'n Gavel Auction and Reception, ASU Law's signature event to raise funds for student scholarships and innovative school programs. Bouma was recognized for his long-term support of ASU Law, his leadership in the Phoenix legal community and his dedication to improving the Valley. Two of his children are ASU Law graduates. A video profile on Bouma shown at the event can be viewed [here](#).

After serving more than 30 years as Snell & Wilmer chairman, Bouma stepped down from the position in early March. He remains active in his practice, which emphasizes complex business litigation, including antitrust and legal malpractice defense, and continues to serve on the firm's executive and compensation committees. Throughout more than five decades at the firm, he has helped influence economic development, public policy and cultural life across Snell & Wilmer's geographic footprint.



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Hundreds of people attended the event held at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel, including retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton, and former Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Ruth McGregor. Michael Gallagher, co-founding partner of Gallagher & Kennedy, served as the event's auctioneer. In addition to Bouma, Arizona Supreme Court Justice Rebecca White Berch, a 1979 ASU Law graduate and former faculty member, was recognized with the Gold 'n Gavel Award for Public Service. She was appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court in 2002, and served as the Court's 23rd Chief Justice from 2009-2014. After stepping down as chief justice, Justice Berch remained on the Court as an associate justice until her retirement in late September.

This year's event showcased ASU Law's Program on Law and Sustainability, considered one of the most innovative in the country. Its faculty experts research and teach in every major area of sustainability policy, including climate change, water, energy and environmental protection. Student opportunities include national environmental moot court competitions, externships, research projects and mentorship. ASU Law also partners with ASU's Global Institute of Sustainability and School of Sustainability, giving students access to a vast network of top scholars and cutting-edge projects. The program equips students to employ legal constructs alongside technological tools to accelerate and support sustainable goals through world-class instruction, cutting-edge faculty research and meaningful experience opportunities. In an area evolving so rapidly, the program's trained lawyers will be invaluable assets and influential leaders in policy dialogue and implementation locally, nationally and internationally.

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