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ASHLEY KASARJIAN NAMED 2015 ATHENA YOUNG PROFESSIONAL BY THE GREATER PHOENIX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PHOENIX (October 30, 2015) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that [Ashley Kasarjian](#), counsel in the Phoenix office, has been named the 2015 ATHENA Young Professional by the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce.

The award was presented as part of the Chamber's Annual ATHENA Award Luncheon held at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa on October 29. The event marked the 28th year the Chamber has honored Valley businesswomen with the ATHENA Award for their excellence in business and leadership, exemplary community service, and their support and mentorship of other women. At the annual event, two finalists receive the ATHENA Businesswoman of the Year Award (public sector and private sector) and one finalist receives the ATHENA Young Professional Award. The ATHENA Award is named after the Greek goddess of courage and wisdom, and is a program of ATHENA International, a foundation dedicated to creating leadership opportunities for women.



(L-R): Melissa Sanderson, Vice President of International Affairs, Freeport-McMoRan (Private Sector); Leah Fregulia, CEO, Arizona School for the Arts (Public Sector); Ashley Kasarjian, counsel, Snell & Wilmer (Young Professional).

Kasarjian is currently Vice Chair of the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation, Chair of the Editorial Board of Arizona Attorney Magazine, and a member of the Executive Council of the Employment and Labor Section of the State Bar. She is the author of the legal blog, [Employment and the Law](#), which was named the Top Labor and Employment Law Blog of 2011 by LexisNexis.

At Snell & Wilmer, Kasarjian is a member of the firm's Women's Initiative Committee and formerly a member of the firm's Hiring Committee. Her law practice is focused on labor and employment. She has experience in litigation, employment counseling 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.

In other ATHENA Award categories, Melissa Sanderson, vice president of international affairs for Freeport-McMoRan Inc., was awarded the 2015 ATHENA Businesswoman of the Year Award in the private sector. Leah Fregulia, CEO of the Arizona School for the Arts, earned the 2015 ATHENA Businesswoman of the Year Award in the public sector. Kasarjian, Sanderson and Fregulia were chosen from among eleven other ATHENA finalists who were selected from a large group of nominations received earlier this year.

"All of today's ATHENA Award finalists are powerful leaders who demonstrate what can be accomplished through hard work, determination, vision and empowerment," said Todd Sanders, president and CEO of the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce. "They embody the spirit of ATHENA and truly understand

the value of community service and mentoring others to strive for more. Their passion, perseverance and contributions are an inspiration and make Phoenix a better place. It is an honor for the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce to highlight these women's achievements and celebrate their leadership, dedication and positive impact on our community."

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