SNELL & WILMER ASSISTS LEGAL NEEDS OF VETERANS AT ARIZONA VETERANS’ STANDDOWN

PHOENIX (February 03, 2016) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that attorneys and staff from the firm once again played an essential role at the annual Arizona Veterans’ StandDown on January 28 and 29. The StandDown is an annual two-day event held at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum that provides a wide array of services to homeless and at-risk veterans, including a Veterans’ Court and legal clinic.

Snell & Wilmer’s key focus each year is volunteering in the Veterans’ Court and legal clinic to help the growing number of veterans who have legal issues that can hinder them from such basic needs as finding work, renting a house or buying a car. This year, representatives from the firm assisted over 150 veterans in need of free legal services and representation. They did such things like clear warrants, reinstate drivers’ licenses and find legal representation in other jurisdictions.

Partner Craig Logsdon, who leads the Snell & Wilmer team at the StandDown every year stated, “The greatest part about the StandDown is that our office makes an immediate impact on the lives of scores of veterans in need. Snell & Wilmer’s collective effort was exceptional again this year.”

The Snell & Wilmer team also included attorneys Danny Green, Joy Isaacs, Anthony King, Brianna Long, Chris Meyers, Peter Montecuollo, Andrew Sniegowski and Carlie Tovrea. The firm’s support staff included Kara Blakey, Darlene Deaton, Loren Delleumo, Isabelle Dietz, Tracy Hobbs, Crystal James, Brigitte Jordan, Shuhron Kinney, Julie Moy, Donna Razo and Clara Santa Maria.

“Volunteering at StandDown was a very rewarding experience,” said Snell & Wilmer attorney development manager Kara Blakey. “Veterans I spoke with appreciated our patience and assistance in helping them understand their situation and identify possible solutions.” In one matter, Blakey assisted a young man resolve all of his outstanding traffic issues dating back to a period between 2006 – 2009. He had nine speeding tickets in three different states outside of AZ during that period. Due to these issues, his AZ license had been suspended and he was unable to get it reinstated until everything was resolved. Not having a license impacted his ability to provide for his family. The Snell & Wilmer volunteer legal team was able to identify and contact the appropriate courts/parties to work out a satisfactory solution, including reduced fines and payment plans. “It was wonderful to see the impact we were able to have in just one day and how we were often able to aid not just the veterans, but in some cases their entire families,” Blakey added.

The Arizona StandDown is an alliance of community-based, unincorporated organizations that come together to provide services for homeless and at-risk veterans across the state with the help of hundreds of agencies and thousands of community volunteers. The first Veteran’s Court in Arizona was implemented a few years ago with the help of several Snell & Wilmer attorneys and has grown to multiple such courts throughout the state.

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