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FRANCHISE TIMES RECOGNIZES TWO SNELL & WILMER PARTNERS AS 2016 LEGAL EAGLES

ORANGE COUNTY (April 14, 2016) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that partners <u>Susan</u> <u>Grueneberg</u> and <u>Elizabeth Weldon</u> have been named as 2016 Legal Eagles by Franchise Times.

Franchise Times[®] Legal Eagles is an annual list featuring the industry's Legal Eagles: Franchise lawyers at the top of their game, the rainmakers, the go-to guys, adversaries and clients alike. The list includes dedicated professionals, available whenever their clients need them, steeped in knowledge about all things franchising. While compiling the list this year, a staff writer for Franchise Times stated that "it was no surprise when compiling this ranking, our annual list of Franchise Times Legal Eagles, when person after person mentioned superb client service as a reason to nominate their favorite franchise attorney."

Grueneberg is a partner in the firm's Los Angeles and Orange County offices. She is certified as a Franchise & Distribution Law Specialist by the California Board of Legal Specialization. Grueneberg focuses on advising clients on franchise and distribution law, including regulatory compliance. Her practice emphasizes both domestic and international franchising and licensing, as well as area development arrangements and sub-franchises. Grueneberg has advised on mergers and acquisitions of franchise companies, franchisor-franchisee relationship issues and exemption-based franchising. In addition to her twelfth consecutive appearance on the Legal Eagle list, she was also selected for inclusion in Southern California Super Lawyers - Franchise/Dealership (2006-2016), the Best Lawyers in America[®], Franchise Law (2006-2016), Who's Who Legal, Franchise (2004-2016) and also Chambers USA, Franchising, Nationwide (2007-2015).

Weldon is a partner in the firm's Los Angeles and Orange County offices. She concentrates her practice on business litigation, franchise litigation and intellectual property litigation. Weldon represents franchisors in matters including breach of contract, trademark and tradename infringement, business competition torts and franchise law claims. Additionally, she represents both large and small businesses in commercial and intellectual property litigation matters, including breach of contract, tort, class action, trademark and trade dress claims. This is Weldon's sixth consecutive appearance on the Legal Eagle list. She was also selected for inclusion in the Southern California Super Lawyers - Rising Stars Edition for Franchise/Dealership/Business Litigation (2007-2015) and the Best Lawyers in America[®], Franchise Law (2016).



Susan Grueneberg



Elizabeth Weldon

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