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SNELL & WILMER PARTNER DAMON ASHCRAFT APPOINTED TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF ICANN

PHOENIX (April 28, 2016) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Phoenix partner <u>Damon Ashcraft</u> has been appointed to the nominating committee of the <u>Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers</u> (ICANN). As a member of the nominating committee, Ashcraft will interview candidates for key leadership positions within ICANN, including its board of directors. In addition, Ashcraft will travel to the ICANN56 Policy Forum in Helsinki, Finland on June 27-30 to make the final selections for the board and other positions.

ICANN is a not-for-profit public-benefit corporation with participants from all over the world dedicated to keeping the Internet secure, stable and interoperable. It promotes competition and develops policy on the Internet's unique identifiers. Through its coordination role of the Internet's naming system, it does have an important impact on the expansion and evolution of the Internet.

At Snell & Wilmer, Ashcraft assists clients in identifying, protecting and maximizing the value of their intellectual property. In that regard, he has experience conducting intellectual property audits, preparing patent and



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trademark applications, preparing intellectual property and software license agreements, and handling various intellectual property litigation matters, including actions for patent infringement. As a registered patent attorney, Ashcraft prepares and prosecutes patent applications in the biotechnology, medical device, electronics, software and business method areas, and manages numerous global patent portfolios. His technical experience includes medical devices, software, microbiology, optics, pumps, heaters, ultrasound, semiconductors, wireless devices, software and circuitry.

Ashcraft has experience in domestic and foreign trademark registration and currently manages numerous trademark portfolios. Further, he enforces and defends clients' trademark rights before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and in various federal and state courts. Ashcraft has represented trademark owners in numerous domain name disputes resolved by the Universal Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy, or "UDRP." He also negotiates intellectual property and software assignments, license agreements, material transfer agreements and research development agreements. Ashcraft's practice further includes assisting clients in handling intellectual property transfer and due diligence during mergers and acquisitions.

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