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VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM HONORS SNELL & WILMER AND ITS ATTORNEYS AT THE ANNUAL "FOR LOVE OF JUSTICE" PRO BONO AWARDS CEREMONY

PHOENIX (May 3, 2016) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that two Phoenix attorneys and the firm itself were recognized at the annual "For Love of Justice" Volunteer Lawyers Program 2015 Pro Bono Awards.

Jacob C. Jones was awarded "Consumer Litigator of the Year." Jones began volunteering with VLP as soon as he was admitted in 2013. He has helped with home ownership, guardianship, contract and landlord/tenant issues. In one case he helped a single mother with three young children recover for expenses and be able to afford a safe place for her family after she discovered dangerous conditions and after the landlord made several false promises. Jones also helped her retrieve sentimental items that had belonged to her grandmother. He recently accepted another case for a family he interviewed at VLP, to help them with a claim against an unlicensed contractor who did shoddy work on repairs to their home. He considers it a privilege to serve those who are underserved and said he is "grateful for the support and encouragement from Snell & Wilmer and the organizational backbone of



Jacob C. Jones

institutions like Community Legal Services." At Snell & Wilmer, Jones is a commercial litigator whose practice is focused on intellectual property and technology litigation. His experience includes litigation regarding patent and trademark infringement and validity; copyright infringement and ex parte impoundment; unfair competition; trade secret misappropriation; domain name disputes; and contracts relating to technology development, information technology services and engineering services. Jones earned his J.D. from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University.

Amanda Sheridan was awarded "Attorney of the Month – March 2016." Sheridan has been a volunteer with VLP since 2010 and is a member of the VLP Advisory Committee. She also serves as VLP Liaison for Snell & Wilmer, recruiting and promoting pro bono among her colleagues. Finally, Sheridan serves on the Board of the Maricopa County Bar Association, VLP's cosponsor along with Community Legal Services. Her personal pro bono representation has involved contract and adult guardianship cases. She's found VLP clients to be very grateful for help and has appreciated the support and dedication of VLP staff. Sheridan is motivated to serve by "wanting to make the world a better place and setting examples for my children." At Snell & Wilmer, Sheridan's practice is focused on product liability, commercial litigation and criminal defense. Her experience includes representing the manufacturers



Amanda Sheridan

of automobiles, boats and other consumer products. Sheridan earned her J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law.

Snell & Wilmer was also honored with the M.C.B.A. Frank X. Gordon, Jr. Award, VLP's highest honor. During the past 35 years, the firm has provided long-standing and unique involvement and support for VLP. Snell & Wilmer was the first to send lawyers to VLP one day a week to serve as Attorneys of the Day and continues to provide two attorneys to interview VLP clients every Tuesday night. Snell & Wilmer was the first firm to designate a firm liaison to work with VLP to promote pro bono, recruit volunteer

lawyers and help place cases with firm attorneys. The firm also was one of the first to develop a written policy encouraging pro bono and providing billable hour credit to associates for all pro bono services through VLP. Sheridan accepted the award on behalf of the firm

The <u>Volunteer Lawyers Program</u> (VLP) is a joint project of the Maricopa County Bar Association and Community Legal Services. Community Legal Services is committed to eliminating poverty-based inequities in the civil justice system by providing high-quality legal advice, advocacy and assistance to low-income Arizonans.

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