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## DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN ANNOUNCES SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEY JOHN D. BURNSIDE TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**PHOENIX (September 9, 2016)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that the [Desert Botanical Garden](#) has appointed several local leaders, including Snell & Wilmer attorney [John D. Burnside](#) to the Garden's Board of Trustees. For more than 70 years, the Desert Botanical Garden has been teaching and inspiring visitors from the local community and around the world, providing research, exhibits and more designed to help understand, protect and preserve the desert's natural beauty.

Burnside is rejoining the board of trustees following six years of service from 2009 to 2015. During his prior service as a trustee, he served two years as a vice president and participated actively in various committees including the executive, strategic planning, and the research, collections and horticulture committees. Burnside chaired committees that addressed several important projects for the Garden, including renovation of Ullman Terrace, design and construction of Gertrude's Restaurant, and expansion of the Garden's parking lot. He also played a key role in developing the arrangements that allow the Garden to draw its irrigation water from the Cross Cut Canal rather than relying on pricier and less sustainable drinking water supplies, and is currently helping to oversee the design and construction of the Garden's new Horticulture Center, develop the program statement for a future children's and family garden, and review the Garden's retail offerings.



John D. Burnside

At Snell & Wilmer, Burnside is a member of Snell & Wilmer's environmental and natural resources law practice with almost 20 years of experience in environmental and natural resources law. Prior to private practice, Burnside served as a law clerk with the Arizona Supreme Court and the Arizona Court of Appeals. He earned his law degree at the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

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