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## KETAN VAKIL ASSUMES ROLE OF ADMINISTRATIVE PARTNER FOR SNELL & WILMER'S ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE

ORANGE COUNTY (January 6, 2017) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Partner Ketan S. Vakil has assumed the role of administrative partner for the firm's Orange County office effective January 1, 2017. Mr. Vakil succeeds Bill O'Hare, who steps down from the position after leading the Orange County office for more than 20 years. Mr. O'Hare remains active in his practice as a senior commercial litigation partner, continues to serve on the firm's executive committee and will maintain his presence in the community.

"I have been honored to lead our office for the past 23 years," said Mr. O'Hare. "I look forward to the next chapter under Ketan's capable leadership."

At Snell & Wilmer, Mr. Vakil is co-chair of the firm's intellectual property group and concentrates his practice in intellectual property protection, litigation, counseling, and licensing including the procurement and litigation of patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets. He has significant experience in preparing and prosecuting patents and trademarks, evaluating prior art for patentability, infringement and validity, preparing infringement and validity opinions, and counseling clients on intellectual property strategies, development, licensing and infringement. He is also lead counsel on several Inter Partes Review Proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. Mr. Vakil will maintain and continue to build his practice as he takes on the new role of Orange County's administrative partner.



Ketan Vakil

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