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SNELL & WILMER PARTNER JAMES P. MELENDRES APPOINTED TO THE ARIZONA SUPREME COURT'S TASK FORCE ON COURT MANAGEMENT OF DIGITAL EVIDENCE

PHOENIX (April 24, 2017) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce Phoenix partner [James P. Melendres](#) has been appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court's [Task Force on Court Management of Digital Evidence](#) (Task Force).

The Task Force was established by Administrative Order 2016-129 to develop policies for court management of digital evidence. Technology used to create, store and display information has changed dramatically over the years and will continue to do so in the future, and courts responsible for managing digital evidence face unique challenges related to receiving, retrieving, accessing, formatting, converting and retaining digital evidence as well as protection and disposition issues. Accordingly, the Task Force has been charged with making policy recommendations to the Arizona Supreme Court regarding a number of issues, including whether new or amended rules on chain of custody evidence should be developed for handling digital evidence and whether court rules governing public records should be revised to address access and privacy concerns.



James P. Melendres

At Snell & Wilmer, Melendres is co-chair of the cybersecurity, data protection and privacy practice and the white collar defense and investigations practice. Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, Melendres served in the leadership offices at the Department of Justice as Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General where he oversaw legal and policy issues regarding sensitive cyber matters. He also led some of the Justice Department's most high-profile and complex matters, including the prosecution of former Central Intelligence Agency Director David Petraeus for mishandling classified information and making false statements to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In his cybersecurity practice, Melendres leverages his substantial prosecutorial background and experience with data security and cybercrime matters to help clients across a spectrum of industries manage cybersecurity risks and respond to cyber-attacks. His experience positions him well to protect companies both before and after a data breach, including conducting pre-breach security and privacy assessments, leading tabletop exercises and breach simulations, coordinating crisis management and incident response, advising on breach notification, and defending companies in breach-related litigation and regulatory proceedings. He has unique experience for advising companies about post-attack regulatory enforcement actions and private litigation. Additionally, Melendres' experience makes him valuable to companies responding to government demands for information about their customers and subscribers pursuant to a variety of electronic surveillance statutes, and gives him a wealth of knowledge for advising emerging virtual currency companies regarding anti-money laundering (AML) requirements and other regulatory compliance obligations.

During his tenure at the Department of Justice, Melendres advised the Assistant Attorney General on legal and policy issues involving cyber matters, including sophisticated network intrusions, corporate breaches, digital espionage, Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks against critical infrastructure, cyber extortion, and ransomware threats. Additionally, he served as the Justice Department's representative to the National Cyber Investigative Joint Task Force (NCIJTF), a multi-agency fusion

center that serves as the national focal point for integrating and sharing information related to all domestic cyber threat investigations. Melendres also led multiple large-scale cyber investigations involving the distribution of sophisticated malware and the subsequent exfiltration of proprietary business information from corporate victims.

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