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ASU HOMELESS LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT HONORS PETER MONTECUOLLO WITH 2016-2017 OUTSTANDING ATTORNEY VOLUNTEER AWARD

PHOENIX (May 3, 2017) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Phoenix attorney [Peter Montecucollo](#) has received the 2016-2017 Outstanding Attorney Volunteer Award by the Arizona State University Homeless Legal Assistance Project (HLAP).

“It is a great honor to be recognized for my volunteer efforts with the Homeless Legal Assistance Project. Through my involvement with this organization, I have seen firsthand the positive impact that Snell & Wilmer has in the community,” said Montecucollo. He added, “Each month, fellow attorneys and I work with ASU law students to assist residents of a local homeless shelter as they confront problems big and small. It is extremely fortunate to see the guidance of our team make a tangible difference in the lives of Arizonans who need it most.”



Peter Montecucollo

HLAP provides legal services to hundreds of people each year. The volunteers work with staff at the shelters to identify residents’ legal needs. Students interview residents to screen their needs before presenting them to attorneys. Attorneys address the residents’ concerns by providing advice, referring them to outside resources, or assigning research projects to the students. Volunteers follow up as needed to help the clients resolve their issues. HLAP is a student-run organization. One project director and five assistant directors coordinate student and attorney volunteers for shelter visits. Students receive pro bono hours for their participation and gain unique experience by interacting with clients in a one-on-one setting, applying their academic knowledge to real-life situations, and learning firsthand about the local homelessness crisis. Attorney volunteers come from all sectors of the profession and bring with them a broad range of experience. Shelter visits occur at least once a month.

Nearly 30 years ago, students and attorneys who were concerned about the lack of legal services accessible to the homeless established HLAP. The project started with one homeless facility in the community, and it gradually expanded to meet the Valley’s growing needs. Today, volunteers visit five facilities in the Phoenix area. Grants are the primary source of HLAP’s funding. An annual fundraiser and other secondary sources cover additional expenses.

At Snell & Wilmer, Montecucollo focuses his practice in commercial litigation, including intellectual property litigation, professional responsibility and lawyering matters, and securities litigation.

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