





SNELL & WILMER WELCOMES MINA MÉNDEZ AS THE FIRM'S FIRST DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

PHOENIX (October 25, 2017) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Mina Méndez has joined the firm as its first Director of Diversity, Inclusion & Community Outreach. In this role, Méndez will oversee the firm's committees on Diversity & Inclusion, Women's Initiative, Community Involvement, Pro Bono and Alumni Programming efforts.

"We are delighted to welcome Mina in a leadership role with our diversity, inclusion and community outreach," said Barb Dawson, a partner at Snell & Wilmer and a member of the firm's executive committee. "Her rich experience developing successful pipeline programs fueled by community collaboration fits so well with our focus. We are excited about the opportunity, with Mina's involvement, to continue to expand our efforts to advance diversity and inclusion both in our communities and in our firm."

Méndez is very active in the community, including being the coordinator for The Latina Mentoring Project (LMP), a statewide mentoring and pipeline program in Arizona started by 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Mary



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Murguia. The goal of the LMP is to provide support and foster mentoring relationships between Latinas who are undergraduates interested in law, law students, lawyers and judges. The LMP is supported locally by Los Abogados, Arizona's Hispanic Bar Association and also by the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA). Over the last 15 years, the program has grown into the largest mentoring program of its kind in the state. Today there are more than 200 participants in the program in Arizona. Additionally, the program currently includes both undergraduate and law student mentees and mentors who reside in California, Colorado, Utah and Texas. The LMP holds two main mentoring events, a Fall Reception hosted by a local law firm and a Spring Brunch held in Méndez's home.

In addition to her work with the LMP, Méndez is a member of Los Abogados, HNBA's Latina Commission and the Arizona Women Lawyers Association. She serves as a Deputy Regional Vice President for Region XIV of the Hispanic National Bar Association.

Méndez formerly served as a Commissioner on the Maricopa County Superior Court and worked at the Arizona Attorney General's office. Méndez earned her J.D. and B.A. from the University of Arizona.

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