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THREE SNELL & WILMER PARTNERS RECOGNIZED AS GOLD 'N GAVEL STARS FOR SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR COLLEGE OF LAW 50TH ANNIVERSARY

PHOENIX (November 8, 2017) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that partners [Sheila Carmody](#), [William N. Poorten, III](#) and [Bahar A. Schippel](#) will be recognized by the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University as a [Gold 'n Gavel Star](#), during the law school's 50-year anniversary celebration.

Each year, the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law hosts Gold 'n Gavel, a signature event that brings the community together, recognizes academic achievement, raises funds to benefit students, and honors distinguished alumni and friends. This is a milestone year as the law school celebrates the fifth Gold 'n Gavel and 50 years since the law school welcomed its first class. As part of the festivities, the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law is recognizing 50 stars from the past 50 years. The Gold 'n Gavel Committee recommended alumni who have had a positive impact on the law school, the community, and the legal profession. The attorneys will accept their Gold 'n Gavel recognition during an event on Friday, November 17.

Carmody's practice is concentrated on complex litigation with an emphasis on defense of insurance companies and manufacturers in class action cases, multi-jurisdictional litigation and general commercial litigation. She serves as coordinating and local counsel for insurers and manufacturers in national and Arizona litigation in various disputes as well as bad faith and coverage matters.



Sheila Carmody

Poorten is licensed in Arizona and New York. His practice is concentrated in the area of commercial litigation, including common carrier liability, probate and trust litigation, real estate, easement and title disputes, construction, architect and engineer liability, issues related to real estate development, environmental, natural resources, and securities. He has experience before the Arizona Registrar of Contractors, in AAA, NASD and NYSE arbitrations, and in both state (Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas) and federal court (Arizona, Oklahoma, and Texas), including jury trial and appellate practice. Poorten is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and most recently, he became a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.



William N. Poorten, III

Schippel is a Certified Specialist in Tax Law (Arizona Board of Legal Specialization). At Snell & Wilmer, she specializes in tax planning for mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and real estate transactions, drafting LLC and partnership agreements, tax planning in connection with fund formation and operations, structuring tax-efficient debt workouts, designing service provider equity compensation for LLCs and partnerships and representing taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service. Schippel serves on the council of the ABA Tax Section and is a vice chair (Pro Bono and Outreach) thereof, and is past chair of the ABA Tax Section Partnership Committee. She is currently a member of the ABA's National Conference of Lawyers and CPAs. She is also the past chair of the Tax Section of the State Bar of Arizona and is the past chair of the Arizona Tax Advisory Commission, which oversees the tax specialization program in Arizona.



Bahar A. Schippel

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