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THE LATINA MENTORING PROJECT NAMES SNELL & WILMER PARTNER MARIAN ZAPATA-ROSSA LATINA LEADER OF THE YEAR

PHOENIX (February 2, 2018) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that [Marian Zapata-Rossa](#), a partner in the firm's Phoenix office, is being honored as the 2018 Latina Leader of the Year by the Latina Mentoring Project (LMP). Zapata-Rossa will receive the award at the LMP Annual Spring Latina Lawyers Brunch on February 24.

The LMP is a statewide mentoring and pipeline program in Arizona started by The Honorable Mary Murguia, 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The objective 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. Over the last 15 years, the program has grown into the largest mentoring program of its kind in the state. Today in Arizona there are more than 200 participants in the program. Additionally, the program currently includes both undergraduate and law student mentees and mentors who reside in California, Colorado, Texas and Utah.



Marian Zapata-Rossa

"I am humbled and honored to be recognized by my fellow Latinas in the Latina Mentoring Project," said Zapata-Rossa, who has served as a mentor attorney in the LMP for the past 10 years. "Being a part of such a strong group of women in the legal profession who support each other has been instrumental throughout my career. Through the work of Arizona's Latina lawyers and the support of business law firms, such as Snell & Wilmer, bar associations, and the judiciary, the Latina Mentoring Project has become a model for mentoring Latinas in the legal profession."

Past honorees of the Latina Leader of the Year include The Honorable Mary Murguia; Lori Higuera, assistant general counsel at Freeport-McMoRan; The Honorable Barbara Rodriguez Mundell (Ret.), former Presiding Judge for the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County; and Margarita Silva, partner at Silva & Fontes and Arizona Latino community leader and advocate.

In addition to the LMP Latina Leader of the Year Award, Zapata-Rossa has been named one of Arizona's Top Lawyers by Arizona Business Magazine and as one of 20 People to Know in Law by the Phoenix Business Journal, and she has been included in the Southwest Super Lawyers publication, Rising Stars edition, in Employee Litigation: Defense for the past several years. She is also currently vice president of the board of directors for Xico, Inc., one of the first ethnic arts nonprofits in Arizona with a mission to celebrate the heritage and culture of Latino and Indigenous peoples of the Americas.

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