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## CITY YEAR DENVER APPOINTS SNELL & WILMER ASSOCIATE STEPHANIE A. KANAN TO ASSOCIATE BOARD

**DENVER (June 27, 2018)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that <u>Stephanie A. Kanan</u>, commercial litigation associate in the firm's Denver office, has been appointed to the Associate Board of City Year Denver, a national nonprofit organization that mobilizes young adults to serve as full-time tutors, mentors and role models in many of the nation's highest need urban schools. As an appointed member of its Associate Board, Kanan will promote the mission of City Year by engaging others through community outreach, volunteer activities and fundraising events.

"City Year has an exciting plan to address school dropout rates in the Denver metro area and help turnaround low-performing schools by tapping the civic energy of young people," said Kanan. "It is an honor to participate in an organization that helps students and schools succeed."

Founded in 1988, City Year partners with public schools to help keep students in school and on track to graduate. The innovative public-private partnership brings together teams of young AmeriCorps members who commit to a year of full-time service in high-need urban schools. City Year corps members support students by focusing on attendance, behavior, and course performance —the early warning signs that a student is likely to drop out — through in class tutoring, mentoring, and after school programs.



Stephanie A. Kanan

In her legal practice, Kanan focuses on complex commercial litigation, representing clients from a variety of industries in both state and federal courts. As a former trial attorney at the Colorado State Public Defender's Office, she has tried many cases to verdict and has extensive courtroom experience. She also has experience in various bankruptcy-related matters, such as recovering and distributing assets, negotiating and forming reorganization

Kanan is active in the legal community. She is a member of the Colorado LGBT Bar Association, the Young Lawyers Division of the Colorado Bar Association, and the Colorado Women's Bar Association. She also serves on the Associate Board for City Year Denver and is Co-Chair of Denver Legal Night for the Colorado Lawyers Committee. Volunteers at the Denver Legal Night clinics offer vital legal information, advice and referrals to marginalized individuals and families who cannot otherwise afford legal services.

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