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## PHOENIX PARTNER JEFFREY D. MORTON HAS JOINED FLINN FOUNDATION'S BIOSCIENCE ROADMAP STEERING COMMITTEE

**PHOENIX (December 4, 2018)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Phoenix partner, <u>Jeffrey D. Morton</u>, has joined the Flinn Foundation's <u>Bioscience Roadmap Steering Committee</u>, a group of about 100 statewide leaders from the private, public, and nonprofit sectors who have interest in furthering Arizona biosciences.

The Flinn Foundation is a privately endowed, philanthropic grantmaking organization established in 1965 by Dr. Robert S. Flinn, a prominent cardiologist, and his wife, Irene. Its mission is to improve the quality of life in Arizona to benefit future generations. To achieve this mission, the Foundation aims, among other things, to advance the state's bioscience sector and develop future state-level civic leaders.



Jeffrey D. Morton

As a member of the Steering Committee, Morton will be part of the leadership group responsible for overseeing Arizona's Bioscience Roadmap. The Roadmap, which was devised in 2002, and updated by the Steering Committee in 2014, calls for actions based on economic needs and collaborative partnerships involving the public and private sectors, universities, the education community, and nonprofit organizations. Working with a broad array of organizations throughout the state, the Steering Committee is pursuing targeted ways to propel Arizona's bioscience sector. Some of the Committee's main activities include stimulating a business environment in Arizona that will lead to growth in the biosciences and the emerging knowledge industry, seeking ways to encourage new and innovative partnerships, enhancing communications by coordinating efforts to raise the visibility of the biosciences in Arizona and taking advantage of opportunities to advance and promote the biosciences to key audiences statewide.

At Snell & Wilmer, Morton is a U.S.- and Canadian-qualified attorney who routinely represents both startup and large biotechnology companies for their intellectual property, technology and commercial law needs. His practice focuses on all aspects of intellectual property and technology law, with particular experience in the life sciences industry. Morton has significant patent prosecution experience in a wide range of technologies including immunotherapeutics for treating diabetes, HIV and cancer, and DNA sequencing methods and related devices. He received his J.D from the University of British Columbia, his Ph.D. in immunology from Washington University in St. Louis, and his B.Sc. in biology from the University of Victoria.

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