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## SNELL & WILMER WELCOMES ANITA BLANCO AS NEW DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**PHOENIX (December 20, 2018)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Anita Blanco has joined the firm as its new Director of Diversity, Inclusion & Community Outreach. In this role, Blanco will oversee the firm's commitment to expanding and supporting diversity, fostering an inclusive culture, and supporting initiatives that positively impact the greater community.

"We are so pleased to have Anita join us to help advance our focus in the areas of diversity, inclusion and community involvement," said Barb Dawson, a partner at Snell & Wilmer and member of the firm's Executive Committee. "Her impressive record of driving positive innovation, combined with our deep commitment in these areas, has us looking forward to a great future with her on our team."



Anita Blanco

Blanco brings over 20 years of experience in the areas of diversity, inclusion, and community outreach to the firm. Most recently, Blanco served as the Diversity Manager of Talent Acquisition at Gilead Sciences. Previously, she served as the Director of Diversity & Inclusion at Stanford University's School of Medicine. For these efforts of impact, Blanco was recognized as a Top 40 Under 40 in Tech Diversity in Silicon Valley.

"I am excited to further enhance the progress and initiatives that Snell & Wilmer has made in its commitment to diversity and inclusion," said Blanco.

Blanco received her M.Ed. in Higher & Postsecondary Education (with distinction) from Arizona State University and spent the early years of her career at ASU on key initiatives such as "Access ASU" and helping ASU open and grow its downtown Phoenix campus. Blanco is also deeply committed to civic leadership, with over 17 years served on numerous nonprofit Boards of Directors.

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