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## NEW PARTNERS AND COUNSEL ELECTED FOR THE CLASS OF 2019 ANNOUNCED BY SNELL & WILMER

**PHOENIX (December 26, 2018)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce 10 attorneys have been elected to join the firm's partnership, effective January 1, 2019. In addition, three attorneys were elected to counsel.


Snell & Wilmer's newly elected partners are:

- [Walker F. Crowson](#) graduated from Texas Tech University School of Law in 1999 and has been with Snell & Wilmer's Phoenix office since 2016. Crowson has a diverse litigation practice representing clients in employment, business and commercial litigation spanning over 19 years. He is licensed to practice law and maintains an active regional practice in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. His employment practice involves representation of clients in all aspects of labor and employment law, including federal and state anti-discrimination laws, sexual harassment, retaliation, FLSA/wage and hour, FMLA, unemployment claims, defamation, negligence, restrictive covenants and breach of contract claims. Crowson's clients have included large publicly traded companies, governmental entities and private businesses of all sizes in a variety of industries, including retail, manufacturing, transportation/logistics, car dealerships, financial, construction and healthcare.   
Walker F. Crowson
- [Douglas P. Farr](#) is a 2010 graduate of Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark School of Law and is a member of the firm's Salt Lake City office. He is a commercial litigator who helps his clients resolve their legal problems so they can focus on generating revenue. He focuses on a broad range of industries, including real estate, financial services, insurance, and direct sales/multi-level marketing. Farr's experience spans from representing creditors through the complexities of bankruptcy cases to litigating cases with legal issues involving secured transactions, judgment collections, water rights, construction defects, securities, partnership disputes, land use and zoning disputes, professional liability insurance coverage and bad faith issues, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Clean Water Act and the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act.   
Douglas P. Farr
- [Steffi Gascón Hafén](#) graduated from the University of Southern California, Gould School of Law in 2010 and received her LL.M. in Taxation from Loyola Law School in 2011. She is a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law by the California Board of Legal Specialization and works in the Orange County and Los Angeles offices. Gascón Hafén's practice is concentrated in tax, trust, and estate matters with emphasis in estate planning, trust and probate administration, and estate and gift taxation. She employs advanced estate planning techniques, including grantor retained annuity trusts, family partnerships, limited liability companies, charitable remainder trusts, defective grantor trusts, insurance planning, public charities, and private foundations. She also advises clients regarding succession planning for closely held businesses. In addition, Gascón Hafén is experienced in state and local taxation, including income taxation, sales and use taxation, and property taxation, as well as issues regarding residency and domicile. She also represents clients in front of the Franchise Tax Board, the State Board of Equalization, and the Internal Revenue Service.   
Steffi Gascón Hafén


- [Nathan G. Kanute](#) is a 2005 graduate of the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. He is a member of the Reno office and his practice is concentrated on the preservation of creditor's rights. Kanute is licensed to practice in Nevada, Arizona, and California and has represented clients in Bankruptcy Court, State Court and Federal District Court. His experience ranges from representing creditors in bankruptcy matters, such as resolving cash collateral issues, lift stay motions, non-dischargeability complaints, claim objections, surcharge litigation, adversary proceedings and contested plan confirmation trials to state court litigation actions, including Breach of Contract, Breach of Guaranty, Appointment of a Receiver, HOA related litigation, Fraud and Replevin. Additionally, Kanute has assisted judgment creditors with domestication of foreign judgments and collection actions on domestic and foreign judgments.



Nathan G. Kanute
- [Patrick W. Kelly](#) graduated in 2010 from the UCLA School of Law and is a member of the Los Angeles office. His practice is concentrated in business and commercial litigation, with an emphasis in contract disputes and claims relating to corporate, franchise, and partnership disputes, commercial lease disputes, and uniform commercial code issues. His experience also extends to disputes involving the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), trademark and copyright infringement, insurance defense and bad faith claims, defamation claims, and other actions seeking damages, extraordinary relief, injunctive relief, declaratory relief, and other remedies in state and federal litigation, arbitration, and mediation. Kelly has represented a range of clients that includes residential real estate franchisors, home décor franchisors, transportation franchisors, financial institutions, insurance companies, clothing manufacturers, actors and athletes, general contractors, and suppliers and distributors. He is a member of Snell & Wilmer's Commercial Litigation Practice Group and TCPA Practice Group.



Patrick W. Kelly
- [Anthony T. King](#) is a 2009 graduate of the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law and is a member of the Phoenix office. King represents clients in a variety of complex business disputes and commercial litigation. He regularly handles litigation in federal and state court involving business contract disputes, real estate disputes, partnership and shareholder disputes, employer-employee disputes and a plethora of business torts and other claims. Tony has experience with each stage of litigation, from beginning to end, including the discovery process, managing complex e-discovery cases, summary judgment, mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution, equitable relief such as temporary restraining orders, post-trial motions and collection efforts after judgment. He has represented clients in a variety of industries including wholesale distribution, financial institutions, franchises, and real estate.



Anthony T. King
- [Ellie Lockwood](#) is a trial and litigation attorney in the Denver office. She is a 2010 graduate of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and focuses her practice in commercial, intellectual property, and trust & estate litigation. She handles all aspects of business disputes from pre-filing investigations through appeals and judgment enforcement. Most of cases she handles involve business torts, fraud, RICO/COCCA, antitrust, Colorado Consumer Protection Act, unfair trade practices, Lanham Act, and matters involving claims by or against trustees and other fiduciaries. Lockwood also has substantial experience with seeking or opposing preliminary relief (TRO, preliminary injunction, and prejudgment attachment), fraudulent transfers, and contempt proceedings.



Ellie Lockwood

- [Alina Mooradian](#) is a 2006 graduate of Pepperdine University School of Law. She is a member of the firm's Los Angeles office and her practice is concentrated in product liability litigation, mass tort litigation, medical malpractice and commercial litigation. Her products liability experience includes representing the manufacturers of automobiles and other consumer products. In the area of toxic torts, her practice has focused primarily on asbestos-related personal injury and wrongful death litigation in the automotive industry. Her commercial litigation experience includes business and real estate disputes and insurance litigation including bad faith and coverage disputes. Mooradian's medical malpractice experience includes defending full-service laboratories in a wide variety of matters.



Alina Mooradian

- [Jill Casson Owen](#) is a graduate of the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law and has been with the firm as counsel in the Tucson office since 2012. Casson Owen has a diverse real estate practice, including commercial leasing, commercial acquisition and sales, and condominium and planned community development. Casson Owen has served as both outside general counsel and in-house counsel to airports. She has created, developed and administered appropriate policies and procedures; assured compliance with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations as well as airport procedures in the operation and management of daily activities; and represented airports in local, state, regional and national meetings and conferences regarding aviation issues. She draws on her varied experience to deliver practical legal advice that balances business needs with legal requirements. Her focus on practical solutions and diversity of experience makes her well suited to serve as counsel to a wide range of businesses requiring counsel or representation on a broad variety of issues.



Jill Casson Owen

- [Brett J. Rufer](#) graduated from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law in 2011 and is a member of the firm's real estate group in the Phoenix office. His practice is concentrated in real estate and business transactions, including purchase and sale transactions, commercial leasing, and land development and use issues. Rufer has represented clients in all aspects and phases of commercial transactions, including master planned development projects, the development, acquisition and disposition of various commercial properties, including single and multi-family residential projects, retail, office, and hotels and resorts. He has also worked on a variety of related real estate matters, including title analysis, land use and zoning issues.



Brett J. Rufer

Snell & Wilmer's newly elected counsel are:

- [Christopher M. Fahrendorf](#) is a 2002 graduate of Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law and a member of the firm's Phoenix office. His practice is concentrated in the area of commercial finance and real estate transactions. He represents developers in the acquisition, financing, leasing and disposition of retail, office, residential and mixed-use developments. Fahrendorf also represents financial institutions in real estate and asset-based lending transactions.



Christopher M.  
Fahrendorf

- [Paul A. Pappalardo](#) graduated from Phoenix School of Law in 2010 and has a Ph.D. in chemistry from Indiana University and a B.S. in chemistry from the University of Michigan. He is a member of the IP practice group in Phoenix. Paul is a creative patent attorney known for his ability to understand a wide range of scientific topics. His practice includes global IP portfolio strategy and management, patent drafting and prosecution, freedom-to-operate opinions, FDA and EPA regulatory affairs, and transactional matters. Paul is an articulate and persuasive attorney who uses his extensive academic and corporate background to help clients achieve their business goals.



Paul A.  
Pappalardo,  
Ph.D.

- [Kevin Zen](#) is a member of the firm's corporate and securities group in the Orange County office. He is a 2007 graduate of UCLA School of Law and focuses his practice on capital markets and other corporate transactions. He has experience representing public and private corporations, REITs, investment banks and private equity sponsors in domestic and cross-border transactions, including public and private offerings of debt and equity securities, exchange offers, tender offers, note redemptions, share repurchase programs, private placement offerings and other significant corporate transactions. Zen also advises clients on corporate governance, SEC reporting obligations and general securities law matters. His representations have included clients in a wide array of industries, such as industrial goods, automotive services, real estate, healthcare and financial services, among others.



Kevin Zen

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