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PHOENIX ATTORNEY DAVID P. NIGRO NAMED PHILANTHROPIC CHAMPION BY THE PHOENIX BUSINESS JOURNAL'S HEALTH CARE HERO AWARDS

PHOENIX (August 22, 2019) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Phoenix Counsel <u>David P. Nigro</u> was named the 2019 Philanthropic Champion at the <u>Phoenix Business Journal's</u> 19th annual Health Care Hero awards today at the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Gainey Ranch. He was selected from three finalists in the Philanthropic Champion category.

"I am honored to be recognized in this way," Nigro said. "Educational issues relating to children with sensory disabilities is very important to me, and I am grateful for the opportunity I have to contribute to Arizona's advancement in this area."



David P. Nigro

The Phoenix Business Journal's Health Care Hero awards honors the unsung heroes of the Valley's healthcare community. In a market of continuous change and challenges, this annual event recognizes excellence in the medical community— excellence practiced by physicians, administrators and volunteers alike. Health Care Heroes are selected and judged based on nominations from those in the profession and the business community. The Philanthropic Champion category recognizes community members who volunteer their time and support to local healthcare causes.

Nigro has helped thousands of deaf and blind children in Arizona. He is the only person who serves on both the Boards of the Foundation for Blind Children and the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. His leadership has provided guidance to their education, which has impacted these children in a way that will benefit their lives forever. As a member of the National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation, Nigro organizes fundraising activities and helps award scholarships to college students who have albinism.



The Foundation for Blind Children's Blind Buccaneers

Last November, Nigro set sail from Puerto Rico as a sighted guide for 12 teenage blind students crewing three sail boats. He served as the eyes for these blind students for six nights over 110 nautical miles through squalls and high swells around the Spanish Virgin Islands. The Blind Buccaneers had to raise and lower sails, man the anchor, steer the boat, tack and jibe, cook, clean and even swab the decks. This was the first time many of those students had those island experiences and the trip showed them that they capable of anything they are determined to accomplish.

At Snell & Wilmer, Nigro's practice is concentrated in intellectual property law. He has experience advising clients in patent and

trademark prosecutions, patent and trademark litigation, and transactions involving intellectual property. He also has experience in a variety of industries and technologies including chemical processes and compositions, consumer and pet food production/packaging, composite materials, seed and plant biotechnology, renewable/sustainable technologies, ceramics, aerospace systems, electrical power generation and control, jet engines, nacelles, financial services and information technologies. Prior to

attending law school, Nigro worked as an application developer in the information technology field. As an undergraduate, he worked as a synthetic organic chemist.

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