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## AZ BUSINESS LEADERS MAGAZINE RECOGNIZES NINE SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEYS

**PHOENIX (December 3, 2019)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that <u>Barbara Dawson</u>, <u>Matthew Feeney</u>, <u>Adam Lang</u>, <u>Daniel Mahoney</u>, <u>Anne Meyer</u>, <u>Jody Pokorski</u>, <u>Bahar Schippel</u>, <u>Heidi McNeil Staudenmaier</u> and <u>Rebecca Winterscheidt</u> have earned recognition in AZ Business Leaders magazine, an annual publication by AZ Big Media that profiles Arizona's most respected and influential business leaders.

AZ Business Leaders are selected by the executive leadership of AZ Big Media in consultation with industry experts in law, medicine, technology, finance, education, energy and government. AZ Business Leaders may also include those who receive the most votes on the publication's website.

Dawson is a senior investigations and litigation partner. She serves on the firm's elected Executive Committee and Compensation Committee. She also has led the firm's Commercial Litigation Practice Group and its International Practice Group. Dawson's practice concentrates on assisting Fortune 500 businesses and boards of directors with internal investigations, complex litigation and regulatory compliance. On a national basis, Dawson currently serves as Chairperson of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation. She recently served as one of 16 members of the ABA's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary that vets and rates federal judicial candidates for the United States Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal and District Courts.



Barbara Dawson



Matthew Feeney

As Chairman of Snell & Wilmer, Feeney's practice is concentrated in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings, SEC reporting and compliance, and corporate governance matters, including advising corporate boards and board committees. Feeney also serves as Chairman of Attorneys' Liability Assurance Society, Ltd., a mutual insurance company that insures approximately forty percent of AmLaw 200 firms. Feeney has also been involved in numerous civic and charitable organizations and currently serves on the board of directors of Greater Phoenix Leadership and chairs the Sandra Day O'Connor Institute and the Arizona Equal Justice Foundation. In addition to helping develop a formal pro bono policy for Snell & Wilmer in the late 1980s under which attorneys receive billable hour credit for legal services to individuals of low income, Feeney is a

founding board member and former chair of St. Joseph the Worker, an organization that provides job development services to assist homeless, low-income and other disadvantaged individuals. He also served as a board member and president of the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education, which was created by the State Bar of Arizona to promote access to justice for all Arizonans.

Lang has a varied general and complex commercial litigation practice. As a litigator, Lang has experience in many types of business disputes, including real estate, employment and construction litigation, banking and securities litigation, sports-related disputes, governmental investigations, white-collar and common criminal defense, professional malpractice disputes, and litigation relating to partnership disputes, mergers and acquisitions, and purchase agreements. He is a member of the firm's Real Estate, Privacy, and Electronic Discovery subgroups. In addition, Lang is the co-chair of the Legislative and Governmental Affairs practice group where he handles election, political and administrative matters. Lang is also co-chair of the firm's Hiring Committee and is the immediate Past-President of the Arizona



Adam Lang

Association of Defense Counsel, a member of the Board of Directors for the Arizona Coyotes Foundation, and the Arizona State Representative to the DRI (formerly the Defense Research Institute).



**Daniel Mahoney** 

Mahoney's practice is concentrated in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, securities, private equity/venture capital, corporate law, and advising corporate boards. Mahoney regularly represents clients ranging from emerging growth companies and those seeking venture capital to large publicly held corporations. He has written extensively on issues related to venture capital, licensing, securities and corporate law, as well as issues facing both entrepreneurs and large corporations. Mahoney is Co-Chair of Snell & Wilmer's Venture Capital and Private Equity Industry Group. He served as the Tournament Chairman for the 2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open and the President of The Thunderbirds (Host and Organizer of the WM Phoenix Open) for 2016/2017

Meyer's practice is concentrated in employee benefits, including compliance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). Meyer advises clients on matters relating to the tax-qualification of pension and savings plans, nonqualified deferred compensation plans and benefits and compensation issues in connection with corporate transactions. She also regularly assists clients in correction of violations under Department of Labor and Internal Revenue Service correction programs.



Jody Pokorski

Pokorski practices primarily in the area of real estate Anne Meyer transactions, finance and regulatory matters, including work relating to commercial purchase and sale transactions, real estate financing, master planned communities, subdivision matters, and leasing. She advises large and small corporate clients in real estate matters throughout the United States. Pokorski represents developers, owners, lenders and contractors and has significant experience handling real estate matters for institutes of higher learning and other educational entities.

Schippel specializes in tax planning for mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and real estate transactions, drafting LLC and partnership agreements, tax planning in connection with fund formation and operations, structuring tax-efficient debt workouts, designing service provider equity compensation for LLCs and partnerships and representing taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service. Schippel is the Past Chair of the Tax Section of the State Bar of Arizona and is the Past Chair of the Arizona Tax Advisory Commission, which oversees the tax specialization program in Arizona. She is also a Regent of the American College of Tax Counsel, and a member of the Bloomberg BNA Real Estate Advisory Board and the Wolters Kluwer Legal Tax Advisory Board, which all



Bahar Schippel

include some of the nation's leading authorities on tax law. Schippel frequently speaks at national and regional tax conferences and contributes articles to top-tier tax publications.



Heidi McNeil Staudenmaier

Staudenmaier is nationally recognized in the areas of Native American Law, Gaming Law and Business Litigation. She represents tribes, tribal entities and businesses who engage in commercial transactions with tribes and tribal entities. She was the 2019 recipient of the American Bar Association's prestigious Jean Allard Glass Cutter Award, which is presented annually to a woman who has cut through barriers to attain high accomplishment in business law, and she is the only Arizona attorney to ever receive this high honor. Also in 2019, Staudenmaier was inducted into the Maricopa County Bar Association Hall of Fame; named to the inaugural class of Arizona Capitol Times' Women Achievers of Arizona; honored as a Finalist for the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce's ATHENA Awards; and recipient

of the University of Iowa College of Law's 2019 Alumni Service Award.

Winterscheidt has been practicing employment law since 1983 and immigration law since 1986. She is a former co-chair of the firm's Labor and Employment Section and heads the firm's Immigration Practice. Winterscheidt regularly advises employers concerning all aspects of employment law and has tried several cases. In the immigration area her practice focuses primarily on business immigration, including obtaining all types of work visas, including special visas for those foreign nationals considered outstanding in their field. She also has extensive experience in helping companies and individuals through the green card process, including the PERM labor certification process, preference petition, and eventual adjustment of status stages. She also has experience helping foreign investors obtain work visas and has handled EB-5 petitions.



Rebecca Winterscheidt

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