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## **PHOENIX BUSINESS JOURNAL HONORS PATRICIA LEE REFO AMONG OUTSTANDING WOMEN IN BUSINESS**

**PHOENIX (August 25, 2020)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that the Phoenix Business Journal has recognized partner [Patricia Lee Refo](#) among the 2020 Outstanding Women in Business. Refo is one of 25 women recognized for their community leadership, professional accomplishments and personal achievements.

Refo was honored for becoming the 144<sup>th</sup> president of the American Bar Association – the second Arizona-based attorney and 10<sup>th</sup> woman to be elected ABA president – in addition to her long-time legal leadership and community service in the Valley.



Patricia Lee Refo

The Women in Business Awards program recognizes Valley women who have proven to be dynamic and outstanding leaders with established track records of significant accomplishments in business and/or community service. The judges, a mixture of Phoenix-area business leaders and Phoenix Business Journal editorial leadership, evaluated more than 230 entries to come up with this year's group of winners.

At Snell & Wilmer in Phoenix, Refo concentrates on complex commercial litigation and internal investigations. She chairs the firm's Professional Liability Litigation Group.

Refo has served on the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Evidence of the United States Judicial Conference, appointed by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, and on the Arizona Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on Rules of Evidence. She is a member of the American Law Institute and its Litigation Advisory Panel and is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education. Previously, Refo served as a director of the American Bar Endowment and as co-chair of the National Association of Women Lawyers Committee for the Evaluation of Supreme Court Nominees.

Among her awards and recognitions, Refo in 2007 was named to the National Law Journal's list of The 50 Most Influential Women Lawyers in America. She received the President's Award from the State Bar of Arizona in 2014 and was been inducted into the Maricopa County Bar Association Hall of Fame in 2017. She received her B.A. with high honors and high distinction and her J.D. cum laude from the University of Michigan.

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