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SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEY MATTHEW P. CHIARELLO ELECTED PRESIDENT OF PHOENIX CHAPTER OF WESTERN PENSION & BENEFITS COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PHOENIX (August 19, 2021) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Phoenix associate [Matthew P. Chiarello](#) was elected president of the board of directors for the [Phoenix Chapter of Western Pension & Benefits Council](#) (“WP&BC”). Chiarello has been a member of the organization since 2016 and was first elected to the board of directors in 2019.



Matthew P. Chiarello

For over 30 years, the Phoenix Chapter of WP&BC has served as a resource to benefits professionals and is comprised of professionals whose experience lies in the dynamic and constantly-changing atmosphere of employee benefits. It serves to help members navigate the challenges of their field through education and networking.

Chiarello focuses his practice on employee benefits, including compliance with the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (“ERISA”) and the Internal Revenue Code. To that end, he regularly assists employers in the design, administration and documentation of qualified and non-qualified retirement plans, health and welfare plans, and executive compensation programs.

Chiarello’s experience is varied and dynamic in order to keep pace with the ever-evolving landscape of employee benefits law. In particular, he has navigated investigations of both retirement and medical plans by the Department of Labor and corrected qualified plan failures with the Internal Revenue Service. Chiarello also helps resolve benefits integration and other issues arising in the context of complex corporate transactions. Likewise, he analyzes executive compensation arrangements and employment agreements with a focus on compliance with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code.

In addition, Chiarello helps employers comply with the requirements of the Affordable Care Act (“ACA”), COBRA and other federal laws applicable to health and welfare plans. Of note, Chiarello has helped employers comply with the reporting requirements of the ACA and has abated multi-million-dollar large employer shared responsibility penalties assessed by the Internal Revenue Service via the Letter 226J and Notice 972CG.

Chiarello is a contributor to [Snell & Wilmer’s Benefits Blog](#), which offers analysis and commentary on employee benefits and executive compensation matters. He is also an active member of the Firm’s Hiring and Community Involvement Committees.

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