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News Release

SNELL & WILMER EXPANDS PRESENCE IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST WITH ADDITION OF BANKRUPTCY AND REORGANIZATION PARTNER JOSH RATAEZYK IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE (October 12, 2021) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that [Josh Rataezyk](#) has joined as partner in the firm’s [Seattle office](#). He will be the first firm attorney based out of the office, which opened in 2020 and serves Snell & Wilmer lawyers when doing business in Washington.

Rataezyk focuses his practice on bankruptcy, restructuring and reorganization. He has extensive experience defending clients in bankruptcy avoidance actions and has also represented numerous receivers and creditors in receivership actions throughout Washington State.



Josh Rataezyk

“We are excited about Josh Rataezyk joining our Bankruptcy and Reorganization group in this region,” stated Victor J. Roehm III, Portland Commercial Finance partner. “He will enhance the capabilities we offer our clients and we look forward to providing additional support to his client base as well. Having practiced in Washington for many years, Josh brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to an already seasoned group of attorneys.”

As a former assistant general counsel at GE Capital Franchise Finance Corp., Rataezyk was primarily responsible for overseeing all bankruptcy, litigation, and restructurings for the company’s servicing and collection departments. Additionally, he was a partner at Seattle firm, Davis Wright Tremaine and, immediately prior to joining the firm, Rataezyk was a partner at Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson, P.S.

Rataezyk is licensed to practice in Washington and received his J.D. from Gonzaga University in 2002 and B.A. from Yale University.

Snell & Wilmer has been dedicated to expanding its legal services in the Pacific Northwest since opening offices in Washington and Oregon in 2020. The firm’s Portland office has added four new lawyers this year and recently moved to a new location downtown.

Rataezyk is joining a team in the region that advises clients on a wide range of legal issues, including appellate law, bankruptcy and restructuring, commercial and public finance, commercial litigation, constitutional litigation, corporate and securities, estate and wealth planning, First Amendment and defamation guidance and litigation, real estate, and state and local taxes.

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