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News Release

PHOENIX PARTNER J. DAMON ASHCRAFT APPOINTED ICANN NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR-ELECT

PHOENIX (October 25, 2021) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Phoenix partner [J. Damon Ashcraft](#) has been appointed by the [Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers \(ICANN\)](#) Board of Directors to Chair-Elect the ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom). Ashcraft was first appointed to the NomCom in 2016 as the delegate for the Intellectual Property Constituency of ICANN. Previously, Damon served as Chair-Elect and Chair to the NomCom and represented the Intellectual Property Constituency as its delegate to the NomCom. The NomCom, which appoints 50 percent of ICANN's Board of Directors and other key leadership positions within ICANN.



J. Damon Ashcraft

ICANN is a nonprofit public-benefit corporation with participants from all over the world dedicated to keeping the Internet secure, stable and interoperable. It promotes competition and develops policy on the Internet's unique identifiers. Through its coordination role of the Internet's naming system, it does have an important impact on the expansion and evolution of the Internet.

At Snell & Wilmer, Ashcraft assists clients in identifying, protecting, and maximizing the value of their intellectual property. In that regard, he has experience conducting intellectual property audits, preparing patent and trademark applications, preparing intellectual property and software license agreements, and handling various intellectual property litigation matters, including actions for patent infringement. Ashcraft has a keen understanding of the needs of emerging companies and is often called upon to identify and protect and monetize a company's intellectual property assets. Further, Ashcraft often is called upon to provide training to clients' employees in identifying valuable intellectual property.

Ashcraft has experience in domestic and foreign trademark registration and currently manages numerous trademark portfolios. Further, he enforces and defends clients' trademark rights before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and in various federal and state courts. Ashcraft has represented trademark owners in numerous domain name disputes resolved by the Universal Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy, or "UDRP."

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