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News Release

SNELL & WILMER ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNERS AND COUNSEL

PHOENIX (January 10, 2022) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce 16 attorneys have been elected to join the firm’s partnership and two were promoted to the role of counsel.

The attorneys elected to the partnership, effective March 1, 2022, are:

[Bradley Austin](#), Commercial Litigation, Las Vegas

Austin is a trial and litigation attorney focused on complex business, civil, and commercial litigation with a particular emphasis on breach of contract disputes, commercial torts, financial service and real estate litigation, class action lawsuits, professional malpractice, and shareholder derivative litigation. Austin prosecutes and defends actions for businesses – ranging from small private to Fortune 500 – and individuals seeking injunctive relief, declaratory relief and monetary damages in state and federal court, the Supreme Court of Nevada and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and JAMS and AAA arbitration and mediation. Austin is a member of the firm’s Ethics and Attorney Development Committees and routinely serves as pro bono counsel for the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada’s Children’s Attorney Project. Austin is a 2013 graduate of University of Texas School of Law.

[Patricia Brum](#), Commercial Litigation, Los Angeles

Brum, a Brazilian native, is a business litigator with extensive experience in representing companies (both large and small) in cross-border disputes and consumer class action matters. Brum draws upon a diverse and multi-cultural background to strategically help companies resolve their cross-border disputes. Some of her representative experience includes representing a South American publicly traded company in a commercial dispute in excess of \$70 million; representing an American company in a breach of contract claim against a Spanish/Portuguese manufacturer and representing a Japanese video-gaming company in commercial, employment and intellectual property disputes. Brum’s law practice is also focused in representing companies in consumer class action matters, including claims asserted under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), Fair Debt Collection Practices and Deceptive Trade Practices statutes. Amongst her clients are some of America’s largest financial institutions. Brum is fluent in Portuguese and Spanish and is a member of the Brazil California Chamber of Commerce. She currently serves as the co-chair of Snell & Wilmer’s LGBTQ+ affinity group (SNELLGBTQ) and co-editor of the firm’s Global Connection Newsletter. Brum is a 2014 graduate of Southwestern University School of Law.

[Anthony J. Carucci](#), Commercial Litigation, Orange County

Carucci has a multi-faceted general and complex commercial litigation practice concentrated in the areas of general business matters, class actions, and business litigation. He has significant experience representing clients in matters involving real estate, breach of contract, consumer class actions, trade secrets, business competition torts, corporate governance issues, construction, franchise, and partnership disputes. He also has experience with fraud and fraudulent transfer litigation, judgment collection against domestic individuals and companies, and advising U.S. and foreign-based gaming companies in complying with U.S. gaming laws and regulations. Carucci is a member of the firm’s class action litigation, commercial litigation, real estate litigation, financial services litigation, gaming, and Native American affairs practice groups. Carucci is a 2014 graduate of Notre Dame Law School.

[Dawn L. Davis](#), Product Liability Litigation, Las Vegas

Davis' practice is focused on product liability litigation, primarily defending manufacturers and distributors of consumer products, watercraft, aviation products, automotive products and pharmaceutical and medical device products. She also has extensive experience with premises liability and other personal injury defense litigation. Davis represents a broad range of clients in both state and federal district courts in disputes involving claims of catastrophic injury, wrongful death and property damage. She also handles consumer warranty and consumer fraud-related litigation in multi-district litigations and individual federal and state court claims. Davis is an active pro bono attorney for Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada's Children's Attorney Project. She is a 2013 graduate of University of Nevada Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law.

[Christopher M. Fahrendorf](#), Commercial Finance, Phoenix

Fahrendorf's practice is concentrated in the area of commercial finance and real estate transactions. He represents banks and other financial institutions in real estate and asset-based lending transactions. Fahrendorf's practice includes loan originations, loan workouts and restructures, and foreclosures. Fahrendorf also represents developers in the acquisition, financing, leasing and disposition of retail, office, residential and industrial developments. He is a 2002 graduate of Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

[Andrew S. Flior](#), Intellectual Property, Orange County

Flior's practice is concentrated in intellectual property protection and litigation. He has experience in preparing and prosecuting patent applications in a variety of industries, including financial services and technologies, medical devices, software and business products, and mechanical devices. In addition, Flior has experience in preparing and prosecuting trademarks, performing due diligence work related to the possible purchase of patents, preparing infringement and validity opinions, and has counseled clients on patent strategies and how to best maximize a patent portfolio budget. He has litigation experience in patent and trademark matters at the U.S. District Court level, and in patent matters before the International Trade Commission. Flior is a 2009 graduate of University of San Diego Law School.

[David P. Hansen](#), Product Liability Litigation, Orange County

Hansen concentrates his practice on defending companies against product liability, negligence, and general liability claims in state and federal courts, involving catastrophic injuries and wrongful death allegations. He represents clients from a wide array of industries, including automobile, motorcycle, off-road vehicle and watercraft manufacturers; amusement parks; film studios and live entertainment producers. Hansen also has experience defending consumer product manufacturers in class action litigation and representing construction industry professionals in cases involving alleged construction and building product defects, including manufacturers of air conditioning units, water heaters and boilers, and building wrap products. He is a 2014 graduate of University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Law.

[Courtney L. Henson](#), Commercial Litigation, Tucson

Henson's practice is concentrated in complex commercial litigation, class actions and business disputes. In addition to class action lawsuits, her diverse practice includes business separation disputes, contract disputes, pre-litigation business dispute resolution and whistleblower investigations, among many others. Henson devotes a significant amount of time to the community. She has been recognized for her pro bono work and advocacy on autism issues. Henson is a 2013 graduate of University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law.

[Ed Hermes](#), Commercial Litigation and Indian Law, Phoenix

Hermes is a commercial litigator whose practice is focused on complex commercial, tax, property, construction, and Indian law disputes. His experience includes litigation in breach of contract and tort claims, commercial and residential construction disputes, commercial and residential landlord-tenant disputes, real property disputes, tax disputes and appeals, and disputes involving Federal Indian Law. He regularly appears on behalf of his clients in state, federal, and tribal courts and administrative tribunals throughout the Southwest. Having previously lived and worked on the Navajo Nation, Hermes also advises companies and economic development entities in conducting business and creating job opportunities in

Indian Country. Hermes is a 2013 graduate of Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law.

[Matt Jarvey](#), Commercial Litigation and Investigations, Government Enforcement and White Collar Protection, Phoenix

Jarvey focuses his practice in Investigations, Government Enforcement and White Collar Protection, as well as in complex Commercial Litigation. Jarvey represents clients charged with crimes or under criminal investigation. He also regularly conducts internal investigations and represents companies and individuals in a wide variety of matters relating to federal and state criminal, civil and regulatory enforcement, including federal and state securities laws and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). He has significant experience investigating complex financial fraud cases and leading internal investigations. His commercial litigation practice involves representing clients in a wide range of business disputes, including contract, professional liability and financial services litigation. He represents both plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal court, and before regulatory agencies. Jarvey is the current President of the Federal, Bar Association, Phoenix Chapter. Jarvey is a 2013 graduate of Drake University Law School.

[Jonathan Kotter](#), Commercial Finance, Salt Lake City

Kotter's practice is focused on commercial finance from both a lender's and borrower's perspective. He regularly assists regional and national banks, private lenders, commercial borrowers and others in negotiating, structuring, documenting and working out a broad array of financial transactions, including real estate secured construction, bridge and permanent financing for office, multifamily, retail, hotel and other projects located across the United States. He is experienced in syndications, securities-backed lines of credit, tax increment financing, commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS), life insurance company and other permanent lending, letters of credit, subscription facilities, low-income housing and other tax credit based lending, and legal opinions. Kotter also advises lenders on foreclosures and loan assignments/assumptions and related matters. Kotter is a 2012 graduate of J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University.

[Robin L. Miskell](#), Estate Planning, Phoenix

Miskell focuses her practice in estate planning, probate and trust administration, taxation and exempt organizations. She is experienced in drafting complex trust agreements, gift and estate tax returns, creating charitable organizations and handling complex trust and estate administration cases. Miskell is a Certified Estate and Trust Law Specialist through the State Bar of Arizona, and a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. She designs customized estate plans for married and unmarried couples, individuals and high-net-worth clients that include tax saving strategies, probate avoidance, education planning for children, charitable giving, inter-generational wealth transfers, real estate, life insurance and retirement strategies, and end-of-life planning. Miskell is a 1990 graduate of the University of Texas.

[Benjamin A. Nucci](#), Labor and Employment and Immigration, Phoenix

Nucci's practice is concentrated in immigration as well as labor and employment law. Nucci assists large and small corporations in obtaining immigrant and non-immigrant visas and counsels employers on a range of workplace immigration issues, including Form I-9 compliance and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement investigations. On the labor and employment side, Nucci assists employers navigate unionizing campaigns and defend against claims of unfair labor practices, and is well-versed in litigating matters involving state and federal wage and hour laws. He routinely counsels employers regarding workplace policies and procedures, and on paid sick time and drug testing compliance. Nucci is a 2013 graduate of The University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law and a 2014 graduate of La Trobe University, School of Law, Melbourne, Australia

[Joshua K. Partington](#), Commercial Finance and Bankruptcy and Reorganization, Orange County

Partington focuses on providing lenders and other institutional clients with guidance on commercial finance and real property-related matters. With more than a decade of experience across a comprehensive range of practices, Partington is able to combine his litigation and transactional knowledge to help meet his clients' broad range of needs. From real property disputes to regional, middle-market lending transactions, to national lender bankruptcy representation, he represents clients from a range of sectors and in a variety of venues. Partington is a 2011 graduate of Chapman University School of Law.

Cynthia L. Pillote, Intellectual Property, Phoenix

Pillote has over twenty years of experience preparing and prosecuting patent applications in the United States and around the world. She helps clients develop, implement and manage intellectual property strategies, including due diligence, invalidity and infringement analysis and technology transfer and licensing. Prior to becoming an attorney, Pillote was a process engineer at Motorola and Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC). Her engineering experience includes semiconductor process development and thin-film manufacturing, including development of and work with deposition, etch and clean processes, process equipment and organic and inorganic chemicals. Pillote is also experienced in nanotechnology, batteries and electrochemical devices, and organic and inorganic chemical compounds and processes. Pillote leverages her engineering experience in her understanding of clients' technologies and business strategies and in protecting their intellectual property rights. Pillote is a 1997 graduate of Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

Kevin W. Wright, Estate Planning, Phoenix

Wright's areas of practice include estate planning, probate, estate and trust litigation, and business succession planning. He assists clients with the drafting of wills, durable powers of attorney, healthcare powers of attorney and living wills, and various types of trust including revocable trusts, gift trusts, defective grantor trusts, qualified personal residence trusts and charitable trusts. Wright provides advice regarding income, gift and estate tax issues. He also helps clients establish for-profit entities including family limited partnerships and limited liability companies. Wright represents heirs, beneficiaries, fiduciaries and third-parties in estate and trust litigation matters. He is a 2014 graduate of Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

In addition, the attorneys promoted to counsel, effective January 1, 2022, are:

Elizabeth M. Brereton, Energy and Utilities, Salt Lake City

Brereton's practice is concentrated in utility scale renewable energy development, public utility regulation, distributed generation, and energy and environmental law including issues surrounding power purchase agreements, interconnection agreements, tariffs, energy resource procurement, transmission state and federal permitting, electric transmission regulation, and local government requirements affecting the public leasing and utility easements. She advises public and private clients on the regulatory process, energy development, land use matters pertaining to local permitting and easements, lease terms, Open Access Transmission Tariffs, interconnection, and NERC Reliability Standards. She assists clients in developing critical infrastructure security policies and internal compliance strategies. Ms. Brereton's background as a regulator, and her experience with regulatory agencies, allows her to help her clients navigate complex regulatory processes governing certain transactions and to develop effective litigation strategies. Brereton represents public and private entities involved in utility scale energy transactions. Brereton is a 2009 graduate of Emory University School of Law.

Sarah G. Odegaard, Product Liability Litigation, Orange County

Odegaard focuses her practice in product liability litigation, defending companies in complex negligence and products liability cases involving catastrophic personal injuries and wrongful death. Odegaard also handles consumer warranty and consumer fraud-based litigation for automobile manufacturers. She has litigated a wide range of disputes in state and federal courts. Odegaard currently serves as the Board Vice Chair for The Raise Foundation, Orange County's child abuse prevention council. She is also a member of the firm's Women's Initiative Network (WIN). Before joining Snell & Wilmer, Odegaard represented common interest developments in litigation and transactional matters. Prior to that, she litigated childhood sexual abuse cases at a national firm based in Minnesota. Odegaard is a 2008 graduate of University of Minnesota Law School.

About Snell & Wilmer

Founded in 1938, Snell & Wilmer is a full-service business law firm with more than 450 attorneys practicing in 16 locations throughout the United States and in Mexico, including Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego, California; Denver, Colorado; Washington, D.C.; Boise, Idaho;

Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Portland, Oregon; Dallas, Texas; Salt Lake City, Utah; Seattle, Washington; and Los Cabos, Mexico. The firm represents clients ranging from large, publicly traded corporations to small businesses, individuals and entrepreneurs. For more information, visit swlaw.com.

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