

SNELL & WILMER WELCOMES NINE ATTORNEYS TO FIRM'S GROWING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OFFICES

ORANGE COUNTY, CA (January 2, 2013) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that nine associates have joined its Orange County and Los Angeles offices. The associates come from varied backgrounds and will enhance the firm's capability in a number of different practice areas including Labor and Employment, Bankruptcy, Commercial Litigation, Product Liability Litigation, Intellectual Property and Commercial Finance.

“We are pleased to welcome these new attorneys to our team in Orange County and Los Angeles,” said Bill O'Hare, Administrative Partner of Snell & Wilmer's Orange County Office. “The addition of these talented attorneys is an important component of our firm's regional growth strategy and will help us continue to deliver the highest quality service to our clients.”

Sina Aria, associate in the firm's Orange County office, concentrates his practice in intellectual property prosecution and litigation. He has experience in preparing and prosecuting patent applications in a variety of industries, including electronic devices, software and business products, mechanical and aerospace devices. Aria earned his B.S. in Electrical Engineering at University of California, San Diego. He went on to earn his M.S., *cum laude*, in Electrical Engineering from University of California Los Angeles. Aria received his J.D. degree, at University of Southern California, Gould School of Law.

Lulu Chiu, associate in the firm's Los Angeles office, concentrates her practice in real estate and business and finance. She is a member of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Chiu earned her B.A. in Political Science with minors in English and Public Policy from University of California, Berkeley. Chiu received her J.D. degree from UCLA School of Law where she was a production editor for the *UCLA Law Review* and an associate editor for the *Asian Pacific American Law Journal*.

Pablo Clarke, associate in the firm's Orange County office, practices in the Real Estate and Commercial Finance group. He represents financial institutions in negotiating and documenting secured transactions primarily for the acquisition, development and financing of commercial and multifamily real estate. Clarke also has extensive experience representing federal agencies on affordable housing finance including portfolio loan closings, Section 8 vouchers, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, and FHA and GNMA financed transactions. Clarke joins Snell & Wilmer from the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development where he was a real estate finance attorney. He received his J.D. degree from University of Arizona, Rogers College of Law and is currently working on his MBA at University of California, Berkeley, Walter A. Haas School of Business.

Brian Daluiso, associate in the firm's Orange County office, focuses his practice in Commercial Litigation. Mr. Daluiso graduated from University of Idaho *summa cum laude* with his B.A. in English Literature and where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Tau Delta honor societies. He went on to earn his M.Ed. from University of Phoenix. Daluiso received his J.D. degree from Boston University School of Law where he was the managing editor of the *Boston University Law Review*.

Yousef A. Farsakh, associate in the firm's Orange County office, is a member of the Commercial Finance practice group. He has experience in securities offerings and reporting compliance, mergers and acquisitions, entity formation, entity governance, general contract negotiations and loan financing for commercial properties. Farsakh graduated *cum laude*, with distinction from the University of California, Los Angeles with his B.A. in Political Science. He went on to study Islamic Finance at The American University in Cairo. Farsakh earned his J.D degree from University of California, Hastings College of the Law where he was the senior managing editor of the *UC Hastings Science and Technology Law Journal* and the president of the Middle Eastern Law Student Association.

Anne Hopkins, associate in the firm's Orange County office, is a member of the Labor and Employment practice group. Hopkins earned her B.A. in Philosophy with honors from University of California, Santa Cruz. Hopkins went on to earn her J.D. degree, *magna cum laude*, from Loyola Law School where she was the Production Editor of the *Loyola Law Review*.

Allen Kim, associate in the firm's Orange County office, focuses his practice on intellectual property matters. He is experienced in patent prosecution of computer hardware and software technologies, including semiconductor devices, circuits, wireless and telecommunications devices, and networking and Internet technologies. Kim earned his B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from University of California, Berkeley and received his J.D. degree from Pepperdine University School of Law.

Brett Ramsaur, associate in the firm's Orange County office, is a member of the firm's Bankruptcy practice group. He was previously a Judicial Law Clerk and a Judicial Extern at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California. Ramsaur earned his B.A. in Economics from University of Washington with a Nellie Martin Carman Scholarship. He went on to earn his J.D. degree from Chapman University School of Law with a Merit Scholarship. While at Chapman University, Ramsaur was a contributing editor of the *Journal of Law and Policy*.

Katie Richardson, associate in the firm's Orange County office, concentrates her practice in product liability litigation. She most recently practiced with the law firm of Jones Day where she was an associate in the issues & appeals group, Richardson also has served as a law clerk in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, and for the U.S. Attorney's Office. She earned her B.A. in English with distinction from Duke University and received her J.D. degree, *magna cum laude*, from American University's Washington College of Law.

About Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.

Founded in 1938, Snell & Wilmer is a full-service business law firm with more than 400 attorneys practicing in nine locations throughout the western United States and in Mexico, including Orange County and Los Angeles, California; Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; Denver, Colorado; Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Los Cabos, Mexico. The firm represents clients ranging from large, publicly traded corporations to small businesses, individuals and entrepreneurs. For more information, visit www.swlaw.com.

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