

**SNELL & WILMER PARTNER BARRY D. HALPERN SELECTED AS A 2009
DISTINGUISHED UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNUS**

PHOENIX (May 4, 2009) — Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. is pleased to announce that partner Barry D. Halpern has been selected as a 2009 Distinguished University of Kansas (KU) Law School Alumnus. Halpern was honored along with two other recipients as part of the James Woods Green Medallion and School of Law Deans Club Dinner held on Saturday, May 2, 2009, at the Adams Alumni Center.

The KU Law Society Distinguished Alumni Award, the school's highest honor, is presented annually to KU School of Law graduates who have distinguished themselves through exemplary service to the legal profession, their communities, the university, and the country.

Halpern's practice focuses on business and professional litigation, including antitrust, healthcare, and legislative matters. He represents a number of Arizona's largest businesses, including several hospitals and professional organizations.

Following graduation from law school in 1973, Halpern served in the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General's Department for five years, and was one of the first military lawyers designated as a Regional Defense Counsel, responsible for defending Vietnam era military defendants "outside the chain of command." After two years of defense work, Halpern was assigned to Athens, Greece, where he and a small group of military lawyers provided legal support for military, naval, and State Department activities in the eastern Mediterranean.

Following discharge from the Air Force in 1978, Halpern joined Snell & Wilmer's Phoenix office, becoming the second KU alum at the firm founded by Frank Snell, also a distinguished KU alum for whom the law school's courtroom is named. Halpern began practice as a litigator, defending business and professional liability lawsuits. Early on, he became involved with bar, community, and firm activities, including chairing the Snell & Wilmer hiring committee where he established close ties with the law school and brought a long line of KU law graduates to the Snell & Wilmer offices throughout the West. While maintaining an active trial practice, Halpern also helped spearhead Snell & Wilmer's growth from a mid-sized Phoenix firm to one of the nation's best known regional law firms with eight offices, including the Northern Mexico office opened in 2008 and the early 2009 expansion into downtown Los Angeles.

Halpern has balanced his practice with writing, speaking, and teaching, including service on the adjunct faculty of the W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University. He has published articles for law reviews and journals, including the *Kansas Law Review*, the *Whittier Law Review*, *Jurimetrics: The Journal of Law, Science, & Technology*, and *The Weekly Standard*. He has also served on numerous bar, civic, and cultural boards, including the Phoenix Symphony, the Combined Metropolitan Arts Council, Crisis Nursery, the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation, and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council. Halpern serves pro bono as a Superior Court Judge Pro Tem and has been listed in Best Lawyers in America for over a decade and named a Southwest Super Lawyer.

About Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. Founded in 1938, Snell & Wilmer is a full-service business law firm with more than 425 attorneys practicing in eight offices throughout the western United States and in Mexico, including Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona, Los Angeles and Orange County, California; Denver, Colorado; Los Cabos, Mexico; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Salt Lake City, Utah. The firm represents clients ranging from large, publicly traded corporations to small businesses, individuals, and entrepreneurs. For more information, visit www.swlaw.com.