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**SNELL & WILMER ADDS JOHN DESTEFANO TO  
COMMERCIAL LITIGATION GROUP**

**PHOENIX (November 20, 2009)** — Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. is pleased to announce that John M. DeStefano III has joined the firm's commercial litigation group.

DeStefano will be working with a team of highly experienced and talented trial and appellate attorneys, as well as business counselors, who have built an impressive track record of service and success, spanning Snell & Wilmer's eight offices. The firm's commercial litigation attorneys aggressively advocate the interests of their clients in virtually every type of complex business-related controversy. The team is dedicated to providing clients with superior legal services on a timely, effective and cost-efficient basis while maintaining the highest standards of professional integrity.

DeStefano earned his A.B. in Classics from Harvard University in 2001. He then went on to earn his *juris doctor* from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, where he received the DeConcini, McDonald, Yetwin & Lacy Award for the highest academic achievement in the class of 2007. Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, DeStefano served two years as a law clerk at the federal judiciary, first to the Honorable William C. Canby, Jr., on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and then to the Honorable Neil V. Wake on the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona.

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