

**SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEYS TO PARTICIPATE IN INAUGURAL PINCUS
PROED ORANGE COUNTY APPELLATE LAW PROGRAM**

ORANGE COUNTY (August 5, 2011) – M.C. Sungaila and Todd Lundell, appellate attorneys in Snell & Wilmer’s Orange County office, will present at the *State v. Federal Appeals: Winning in Either Venue* seminar, hosted by Pincus Professional Education on Friday, September 9th at the Westin South Coast Plaza.

Sungaila spearheaded bringing the program to Orange County for the first time, and participated in the selection of many of the panelists. Sungaila and Lundell will be joined by numerous sitting justices, staff attorneys and fellow certified appellate specialists for an intermediate level program on strategies for effectively prosecuting or defending a civil appeal in California and Federal Courts. Sungaila will sit on panels focused on record preservation, brief writing, and oral arguments. Lundell will present on writs, motions and other procedural headaches and will review the primary differences between state and federal appeals. He will also participate in a mock oral argument.

Sungaila has successfully briefed and argued appeals raising cutting-edge and core business issues statewide as well as nationally and internationally. Over the past decade, she has been the architect of winning arguments to screen and exclude unfounded expert testimony in California courts—a standard which preciously remained undeveloped in the state. Sungaila has helped secure victories in many significant expert testimony cases decided by California appellate courts in recent years. Among numerous awards and recognitions, Sungaila was recently named one of California’s Top Women Litigators for the third time by the *Daily Journal*, one of the OC Metro Women To Watch in 2011, Visionary of the Year by Coastline Community College Foundation and Appellate Lawyer of The Week by the *National Law Journal*.

Lundell is a Certified Specialist in Appellate Law. He has worked on various civil appeals in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second, Eighth, and Ninth Circuits, and in state appellate courts in California, New York, Oregon and West Virginia. Lundell has prepared several certiorari petitions and merits briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court. He has considerable experience drafting merits briefs, amicus briefs, motions to stay and/or vacate judgment, petitions for review and petitions for writ of mandamus.

About Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.

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