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**PUBLIC LAW CENTER RECOGNIZES SNELL & WILMER WITH
PRO BONO LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR AWARD**

ORANGE COUNTY (March 29, 2012) – The Public Law Center of Orange County has named Snell & Wilmer as their 2012 Law Firm of The Year. The firm will be presented with this award at the annual Volunteers for Justice Dinner held in Irvine on June 18, 2012.

The Public Law Center (PLC), Orange County's Pro Bono law firm and a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is committed to providing access to justice for low income residents. Through volunteers and staff, the PLC provides free civil legal services, including counseling, individual representation, community education, and strategic litigation and advocacy to challenge societal injustices. Snell & Wilmer has worked closely with the PLC for many years.

The Board and staff of the PLC are presenting this honor to Snell & Wilmer for its exemplary commitment to providing access to justice for low income residents of Orange County. Snell & Wilmer has been a Pro Bono leader in Orange County for many years. Snell & Wilmer has also partnered with the PLC and UC Irvine School of Law to pair law students with attorneys to work on cases referred by the PLC, enhancing the law school's goal to combine public service with legal education.

[Deb Mallgrave](#), head of Snell & Wilmer's Orange County office Pro Bono Committee said, "Snell & Wilmer is proud to receive the award. Working with the PLC and UCI, we're able to make a difference in the lives of families who need it and, at the same time, mentor future attorneys as they learn the importance and rewards of providing pro bono assistance. It's a wonderful and rewarding program which we are pleased to support."

Snell & Wilmer is committed to community service and leadership and regards Pro Bono services as an important professional responsibility. The PLC previously honored Snell & Wilmer's Orange County office with the Law Firm of the Year Title in 1992 and Deb Mallgrave earned the PLC's Attorney of the Year award in 2009.

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 Los Angeles and Orange County, 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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