

## COUNTERFEIT ELECTRONIC PARTS AVOIDANCE SYMPOSIUM INCLUDES TWO SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEYS AS PRESENTERS

**LOS ANGELES (October 26, 2012)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that <u>Keith Gregory</u>, partner in the firm's Los Angeles office, and <u>Richard Katz</u>, counsel in the firm's Tucson office, will participate at the SAE 2012 Counterfeit Parts Avoidance Symposium at the Marriott Mesa in Phoenix, Arizona on November 2, 2012. The Symposium will take place in concordance with SAE's Power Systems Conference and their Aerospace Electronics and Avionics Systems Conference.

There continues to be an influx of counterfeit electronic parts entering the supply chain which puts every aerospace and defense manufacturer at risk. The Symposium provides an open technical forum to learn about the negative impact of counterfeit electronic parts and the processes to mitigate that impact on their businesses. Gregory, who is a regular speaker at SAE conferences, will present a top ten list on how to protect yourself legally when it comes to counterfeit parts. Katz will participate on a panel, titled "SAE Standard and Guidance – A How-to," where he will be joined by engineers, research scientists and other specialists on the electronic counterfeit topic.

Gregory practices in the areas of general business matters, corporate, franchise and partnership disputes, and intellectual property and commercial litigation. He is an experienced litigator, with considerable background in intellectual property issues, licensing agreements, trade secret matters and Uniform Commercial Code issues, especially within the electronic components and semi-conductor industries. Keith serves on the SAE AS6081 Committee, established to develop standards proscribing counterfeit parts avoidance requirements for independent distributors. For the past twelve years, Keith has served as general counsel for ERAI.

Katz represents U.S. and foreign importers and exporters with respect to U.S. government trade regulation, including the structuring of overseas sales transactions, Customs duties and compliance, federal agency regulation of imports, export licensing, penalties, and audits. He has represented clients in diverse industries, including consumer electronics, footwear, apparel, telecom, natural resources, logistics, and transportation. Typical clients include U.S. import and distribution companies, U.S. high tech exporters, foreign exporters, trade associations, and governmental entities.

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