



Snell & Wilmer

News Release

SNELL & WILMER ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNERS AND COUNSEL

PHOENIX (January 9, 2023) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce 13 attorneys have been elected to join the firm's partnership, effective March 1, 2023. In addition, six attorneys were promoted to the role of counsel, effective January 1, 2023.

Snell & Wilmer's newly elected partners are:

[John W. Andrews](#), Natural Resources, Salt Lake City

Andrews has over 30 years of practice experience in public lands, real estate, mineral, environmental, and energy law matters. Before joining Snell & Wilmer in 2018, he was chief legal counsel and associate director for Utah's state land management agency, where he provided legal representation and management for a 3.4-million-acre land portfolio. His current practice focuses on land and permitting issues associated with the ongoing energy transition, including utility scale hydrogen, solar, and wind projects; geologic carbon sequestration; lithium extraction; and development of low carbon cement products. Andrews continues to work with clients in traditional mining, oil & gas, ranching, and real estate development matters. He also works on complex land and mineral title and royalty issues, federal and state land exchanges, NEPA, tribal law, endangered species and wildlife, state legislative interaction, and other issues involving western lands.

[Click here](#) for Andrews' full biography.

[Jenna L. Bouchard](#), Commercial Finance, Phoenix

Bouchard focuses her practice on commercial finance, helping financial institutions structure, document, negotiate, and smoothly close complex syndicated, club, and single lender credit facilities, including real-estate secured, asset-based, and cash-flow secured credit facilities of all types. She has extensive experience in restaurant and other franchise finance transactions, as well as substantial experience in financing for middle-market firms, healthcare receivables, ESOP transactions, auto dealership floor plans and construction, commercial real estate, hotel acquisition and construction, homebuilding, residential condominium and townhome construction, multifamily residential properties, and golf courses. [Click here](#) for Bouchard's full biography.

[Tony Caldwell](#), Corporate and Securities, Phoenix

Caldwell focuses his practice on corporate, technology, and life sciences transactions, with an emphasis on commercial contracts, supply chain, clinical trials, data privacy, and mergers and acquisitions. He assists clients in developing, acquiring, monetizing, and protecting rights in their intellectual property and data across a diverse range of highly regulated industries, including SaaS, mobile apps, pharma, biotech, diagnostics, healthcare, semiconductors, defense, batteries, apparel, banks, home builders, and proptech.

[Click here](#) for Caldwell's full biography.

[Matthew P. Chiarello](#), Employee Benefits, Phoenix

Chiarello focuses his practice on employee benefits, including compliance with the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA") and the Internal Revenue Code. To that end, Chiarello regularly assists employers in the design, administration, and documentation of qualified and non-qualified retirement plans, health and welfare plans, and executive compensation programs. [Click here](#) for Chiarello's full biography.

[Robert A. Clarke](#), Intellectual Property, Phoenix

Clarke has a diverse practice in intellectual property law. His experience includes providing IP counseling for developing and implementing strategies to protect and enforce intellectual property rights, drafting and

prosecuting patent and trademark applications, and drafting contracts related to IP transfer, licensing, enforcement, website usage, and information privacy. He has also helped clients secure and enforce trademark rights before the U.S. Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and internet domain rights through the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP). [Click here](#) for Clarke's full biography.

[Cameron Cutler](#), Commercial Litigation, Salt Lake City

Cutler focuses his practice in commercial litigation and represents businesses and individuals in a variety of areas, including business and contract disputes, real property issues, fiduciary litigation, employment issues, and general business litigation in state and federal courts. [Click here](#) for Cutler's full biography.

[Joshua R. Duffy](#), Bankruptcy, Orange County

Duffy represents individuals and companies in general business and commercial litigation, with an emphasis on the representation of lenders in the areas of creditors' rights and bankruptcy litigation. He has tried cases to verdict as the second chair trial attorney. Duffy also represents the firm's lender clients in engagements involving the documentation and work-out of real estate and commercial lending transactions. He also represents a Fortune 10 Company in commercial litigation matters nationally, on a variety of matters involving a variety of businesses. [Click here](#) for Duffy's full biography.

[Bret R. Evans](#), Bankruptcy, Salt Lake City

Evans is a member of the firm's commercial litigation and bankruptcy practice groups. His practice is concentrated primarily in complex commercial litigation, bankruptcy, foreclosure, and creditor's rights. He has represented creditors and banks in fraud cases, replevin actions, receivership actions, and other claims. Evans has also assisted financial institutions with matters related to consumer financial services, including cases involving claims of wrongful foreclosure, alleged violations of the Truth in Lending Act (TILA), and lien disputes. [Click here](#) for Evans' full biography.

[Sarah A. Kobeissi](#), Commercial Finance, Tucson

Kobeissi focuses her practice in commercial finance. She primarily represents regional and national banking associations in commercial lending, finance, and real estate transactions for acquisitions, development, long-term, and construction (both upfront and pari passu equity funding) loans. Specifically, Kobeissi assists with financing acquisitions and development projects for homebuilders, single-family housing subdivisions, condominiums, townhouse projects, apartment buildings, and commercial buildings such as industrial and distribution buildings, shopping centers, office complexes, and retail centers. She has experience with refinancing, redevelopment, and rehabilitating as well as build-to-rent financing, lot banking transactions and financing based on negative pledge facilities. [Click here](#) for Kobeissi's full biography.

[Bryce C. Morgan](#), Corporate and Securities, Dallas

Morgan focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions, equity and debt financings, commercial agreements, and other complex business transactions. He represents strategic buyers and sellers, private equity and venture capital funds, family offices, and start-up clients in strategic and governance matters. He also counsels private and public companies on their day-to-day business operations, including supply chain contracts, credit agreements, and regulatory compliance. Morgan has extensive experience in a number of industries, including aviation, consumer packaged goods, oil and gas, manufacturing and distribution, financial services, and real estate management. [Click here](#) for Morgan's full biography.

[Bradley Nicholson](#), Corporate and Securities, Salt Lake City

Nicholson's practice is focused on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, entity formation, and commercial transactions. Nicholson has experience representing clients in a variety of industries, including technology services, retail, transportation, outdoor recreation, construction, healthcare, financial services, travel and hospitality, agriculture, food and beverage, mining, power generation, and infrastructure. [Click here](#) to view Nicholson's full biography.

[David P. Nigro](#), Intellectual Property, Phoenix

Nigro's practice is concentrated in intellectual property law. He has experience advising clients in patent and trademark prosecutions, patent and trademark litigation, and transactions involving intellectual property. Nigro has experience in a variety of industries and technologies including chemical processes

and compositions, consumer and pet food production/packaging, composite materials, seed and plant biotechnology, renewable/sustainable technologies, ceramics, aerospace systems, electrical power generation, and control, jet engines, nacelles, financial services, and information technologies. Prior to attending law school, Nigro worked as an application developer in the information technology field. As an undergraduate, he worked as a synthetic organic chemist. [Click here](#) to view Nigro's full biography.

April M. Wurster, Intellectual Property, San Diego

Wurster helps clients navigate complex issues related to law and technology. Her day-to-day practice focuses on intellectual property law and life sciences transactions. Wurster uses cross-functional knowledge and experience to build a thorough understanding of a company's business, employees, products, customers, and competitors to provide strategic guidance. She works in new subject matter areas on a daily basis, assimilating information quickly and developing a deep understanding in those areas. Wurster excels at distilling complex ideas into understandable concepts. [Click here](#) to view Wurster's full biography.

Counsel:

Anne E. Dwyer, Labor and Employment, Orange County

Dwyer's practice is concentrated in employment litigation and counseling. She counsels clients on a wide range of employment matters including wage and hour issues, employee medical leave, termination decisions, and policy drafting. Dwyer represents employers in state and federal court and arbitration in disputes regarding wrongful termination, sexual harassment, reasonable accommodation of disabilities, retaliation, wage and hour, and other types of employment matters. [Click here](#) to view Dwyer's full biography.

Taryn J. Gallup, Commercial Litigation, Phoenix

Gallup focuses her practice in commercial litigation, and investigations, government enforcement, and white collar protection. In her investigations, government enforcement and white collar protection practice, she regularly conducts internal investigations and represents companies and individuals in a wide variety of matters relating to federal and state criminal, civil, and regulatory enforcement. [Click here](#) to view Gallup's full biography.

Marshall J. Hogan, Bankruptcy, Orange County

Hogan is a commercial litigation and business bankruptcy attorney who assists clients with a wide variety of business disputes and bankruptcy matters. In his insolvency practice, Hogan represents a broad array of clients, including financial institutions, debtors, bankruptcy trustees, buyers, landlords, and secured and unsecured creditors in bankruptcy cases, receiverships, and adversary proceedings. He also focuses on creditors' rights and remedies, foreclosure of both real and personal property, and workout law. [Click here](#) to view Hogan's full biography.

Morgan Petrelli, Product Liability, Las Vegas

Petrelli's practice is concentrated in product liability defense and commercial litigation, where she has defended numerous Fortune 500 clients in cases of significant exposure in both federal and state courts. Her products liability experience is focused primarily in the automotive, medical device, and consumer products industries. The commercial litigation matters in which she has been involved concern a variety of issues including contractual disputes, insurance coverage, healthcare, and OSHA matters. [Click here](#) for Petrelli's full biography.

Rosalyn Sutton, Real Estate, San Diego

Sutton is a real estate attorney in Snell & Wilmer's San Diego office. Her practice is focused on representing developers, private equity funds, and financial institutions on both the equity and debt sides of real estate transactions. Sutton has experience advising clients on matters involving the acquisition, sale, development, financing, and construction of large commercial properties and projects. She also has extensive experience advising financial institutions, as well as non-bank lenders on the origination and restructuring of commercial real estate mortgage and mezzanine loans. [Click here](#) to view Sutton's full biography.

[Emily Gildar Wagner](#), Bankruptcy, Phoenix

Wagner focuses her practice in bankruptcy and related state and federal court creditor and debtor rights litigation. Her experience includes representing secured creditors, unsecured creditors, committees, and other parties in various bankruptcy and related state and federal court litigation. She has represented parties in various litigation matters involving debt collection, foreclosure, guarantees, receiverships, preferences, HOA issues, and the FCRA. [Click here](#) to view Wagner's full biography.

About Snell & Wilmer

Founded in 1938, Snell & Wilmer is a full-service business law firm with more than 450 attorneys practicing in 16 locations throughout the United States and in Mexico, including Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego, California; Denver, Colorado; Washington, D.C.; Boise, Idaho; Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Portland, Oregon; Dallas, Texas; Salt Lake City, Utah; Seattle, Washington; and Los Cabos, Mexico. The firm represents clients ranging from large, publicly traded corporations to small businesses, individuals and entrepreneurs. For more information, visit swlaw.com.

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