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## THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE HONORS SNELL & WILMER PARTNER MATTHEW FEENEY WITH JUDGE LEARNED HAND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

PHOENIX (March 5, 2014) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that partner Matthew P. Feeney was one of three outstanding legal professionals honored by the American Jewish Committee (AJC) at the Judge Learned Hand Awards luncheon on Wednesday, March 5, at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix. The awards are presented to outstanding leaders of the legal profession who have contributed meaningfully to the legal community and whose work reflects the integrity and broad humanitarian ideals exemplified by Judge Hand. Matt accepted the AJC's Community Service Award for demonstrating sustained contributions to the advancement of equality and democratic principles.

With a century of experience as a human relations agency, the AJC promotes intergroup cooperation, fights all forms of bigotry, works to advance human rights and joins with like-minded groups for public policy advocacy and planning. The Awards were established in 1964 in memory of the Senior Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1924 to 1951. Widely admired as a dean among American jurists, Judge Hand was famous for the extensive range of decisions he rendered in more than two thousand cases. An independent committee of prominent judges, law professors and practitioners selects the honorees.

"Once again, we are blessed to be able to honor three of Arizona's finest lawyers and most worthy citizens," said Timothy J. Eckstein, co-chair of the AJC's Judge Learned Hand Awards luncheon. "Matthew Feeney, Paul Bender and Melissa Ho embody the very best in our legal community. Their professional and personal contributions help advance a more just society and their philanthropic efforts help shape a world in which human rights and human dignity are protected for all peoples."

Throughout the course of his career, countless organizations and institutions have benefitted significantly from Matt's integrity, generosity and commitment. In addition to helping develop a formal pro bono policy for Snell & Wilmer, Matt is a founding board member and former chair of St. Joseph the Worker, an organization that provides job development services to assist homeless, low-income and other disadvantaged individuals. He also served as a board member and president for the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education. Created by the State Bar of Arizona, the Foundation strives to fulfill its mission of promoting access to justice for all Arizonans by preparing youth for civic responsibility. Additionally, Matt was one of two founding members of the Musical Instrument Museum President's Cabinet. In this role, Matt focused on creating funding opportunities for individuals and businesses to support educational programs for schools that cannot afford to sponsor museum field trips.

At Snell & Wilmer, Matt's practice is concentrated in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings, SEC reporting and compliance, and corporate governance matters, including advising corporate boards and board committees. He earned his bachelor of arts degree, magna cum laude, from the University of Notre Dame and his law degree, magna cum laude, from Notre Dame Law School.

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