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# News Release

## AZ BUSINESS LEADERS 2022 MAGAZINE RECOGNIZES SIX SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEYS

**PHOENIX (January 12, 2022)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that partners [Barbara J. Dawson](#), [Matthew P. Feeney](#), [Patrick X. Fowler](#), [Joseph A. Kroeger](#), [Heidi McNeil Staudenmaier](#), and [Anne M. Meyer](#) have earned recognition in [AZ Business Leaders magazine](#), an annual publication by AZ Big Media that profiles Arizona's most respected and influential business leaders. AZ Business Leaders are selected by the executive leadership of AZ Big Media in consultation with industry experts in law, medicine, technology, finance, education, energy and government. AZ Business Leaders may also include those who receive the most votes on the publication's website.

At Snell & Wilmer, Dawson serves on the firm's elected five-person Executive Committee and three-person Compensation Committee. She has also led the firm's commercial litigation and international practices. Dawson's practice focuses on assisting Fortune 500 businesses and boards of directors with internal investigations, complex litigation and regulatory compliance. She assists companies when legal challenges arise from government action, shareholder, consumer and whistle-blower claims, and other circumstances involving business-threatening conflict and crisis management. Dawson has served as chairperson of the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education, the State Bar of Arizona's Legal Services Committee, the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation and the Board of Directors of Lex Mundi, a global affiliation of more than 150 law firms in 100+ countries.



Barbara J. Dawson



Matthew P. Feeney

As Chairman of Snell & Wilmer, Feeney'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. In June 2020, Feeney completed his term as Chairman of Attorneys' Liability Assurance Society, Ltd., a mutual insurance company that insures more than 40 percent of AmLaw 200 firms. He continues to serve on that board. Feeney has also been involved in numerous civic and charitable organizations and currently serves on the board of directors of Greater Phoenix Leadership and the Valley of the Sun United Way and chairs the Sandra Day O'Connor Institute for American Democracy and the Arizona Equal Justice Foundation. In addition to helping develop a formal pro bono policy for Snell & Wilmer in the late 1980s under which attorneys receive billable hour credit for legal services to individuals of low income, Feeney 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 of the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education, which was created by the State Bar of Arizona to promote access to justice for all Arizonans.

Fowler leads Snell & Wilmer's Product Liability practice group and the firm's Cybersecurity and Privacy practice area. He concentrates on representing companies facing complex product liability, cyber/privacy and technology business claims. He counsels clients regarding compliance with government regulations, industry standards and best practices. Fowler represents several clients as national counsel and his first-chair trial practice stretches across the country. He is the past board chair of Community Legal Services of Arizona, the largest pro bono legal services organization in Arizona.



Patrick X. Fowler



Joseph A. Kroeger

Kroeger serves as the firm's Tucson Office Managing Partner, and is considered a go-to labor and employment counselor and litigator with a national practice. He represents employers in a variety of areas, including employment discrimination and harassment, wrongful discharge, breach of contract, misappropriation of trade secrets, non-competition/non-solicitation matters, social media, alternative dispute resolution and arbitration agreements, labor arbitrations, NLRB charges, and other related areas. Kroeger is currently the Chair of the Labor & Employment Section of the State Bar of Arizona, is a member of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, serves on the Board of Advisors of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Arizona, and is a judge for the Tucson 40 Under 40 Awards.

McNeil Staudenmaier is both nationally and internationally recognized in the areas of Native American Law, Gaming Law and Business Litigation. She represents tribes, tribal entities, and businesses who engage in economic development ventures and other commercial transactions with tribes and tribal entities. She was the 2019 recipient of the American Bar Association's prestigious Jean Allard Glass Cutter Award, which is presented annually to a woman who has cut through barriers to attain high accomplishment in business law, and she is the only Arizona attorney to ever receive this high honor. Also in 2019, Staudenmaier was inducted into the Maricopa County Bar Association Hall of Fame; named to the inaugural class of *Arizona Capitol Times*' Women Achievers of Arizona; honored as a Finalist for the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce's ATHENA Awards; and recipient of the University of Iowa College of Law's 2019 Alumni Service Award.



Heidi McNeil Staudenmaier



Anne M. Meyer

Meyer's practice is concentrated on employee benefits and executive compensation, including compliance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). Anne has nearly 20 years of experience in counseling private and public companies and nonprofit organizations on all aspects of employee benefits including Section 401(k) and defined contribution plans, defined benefit and cash balance plans, equity compensation programs, and nonqualified and deferred compensation arrangements, including issues relating to Section 409A deferred compensation rules. Anne's practice also includes advising clients on health and welfare arrangements, fringe benefit programs and employee benefit and executive compensation matters related to corporate mergers and acquisitions. She also routinely advises clients on ERISA fiduciary and prohibited transaction matters and represents clients before the IRS, DOL and PBGC on matters related to employee benefits.

### **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](http://swlaw.com).