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News Release

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

ORANGE COUNTY (June 7, 2023) – The Public Law Center of Orange County has named [Snell & Wilmer](#) as its 2023 Law Firm of The Year. The firm will be presented with this award at the annual Volunteers for Justice Dinner held in Costa Mesa on June 15, 2023. 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, PLC provides free civil legal services, including counseling, individual representation, community education, and strategic litigation and advocacy to challenge societal injustices.

[Sean Sherlock](#), PLC Board of Directors member and co-chair of the firm's Pro Bono Committee said, "At Snell & Wilmer we are committed to contributing our legal experience on a pro bono basis where it is needed most, and appreciate the PLC for providing legal services to those in need in our community."

Snell & Wilmer, which has a long-standing relationship with PLC, will be recognized for significant pro bono contributions in 2022, including support with immigration, veterans, consumer, and nonprofit pro bono cases, as well as volunteering time at the PLC's Bankruptcy clinic. In a communication about the upcoming event, PLC highlighted one case in particular, where the firm's pro bono volunteers worked on a difficult elder justice case in which an elderly, Spanish-speaking client had been deceived into signing over the title to her home to a family member, after he had moved himself and his family into her home under the guise of helping her. With the help of Snell & Wilmer's legal team, she successfully filed suit to reverse the transfer of title days before the statute of limitations was set to expire. After drafting and filing documents, negotiating with opposing counsel, appearing in court, and maintaining constant contact with the client, the Snell & Wilmer team succeeded in ejecting all the adverse parties from the home, transferring the title back into the client's name, and receiving a settlement which allowed her time to find new, reliable tenants and remain in her home. According to PLC, "The client is incredibly grateful for Snell & Wilmer's assistance in helping her fight her way out of what had become an impossible and traumatizing situation."

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 2012 and 1992, and Sean as [Attorney of the Year in 2019](#).

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 Los Angeles, Orange County, and San Diego, California; Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; 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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