

Snell & Wilmer



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Main Bio

Matt 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, with a particular focus on improving board effectiveness through a thorough board assessment process. Matt served as Snell & Wilmer Firm Chair from 2015 - 2023.

Representative Transactions

Securities Offerings & Related Transactions

- Represented publicly held companies in public and private offerings of several billion dollars of secured debt, senior debt, and subordinated debt
- Represented publicly held companies in public offerings of several billion dollars of common stock and preferred stock

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Represented private graduate business school in its acquisition by a public university.
- Represented publicly held software company in \$287 million sale to publicly held purchaser
- Represented sellers in \$150 million sale of bakery to publicly held strategic purchaser
- Represented computer reseller in multiple Chapter 11 bankruptcy-related division sale transactions having aggregate value of \$120 million
- Represented sellers in \$140 million sale of injection molding company to publicly held strategic purchaser
- Represented publicly held computer reseller in multiple acquisitions involving cash and stock
- Represented publicly held solid waste management company in multiple roll-up acquisitions of solid waste collection companies
- Represented publicly held corporation in \$85 million sale of a subsidiary engaged in internet-related businesses
- Represented sellers in sale of software company to publicly held strategic purchaser
- Represented publicly held corporation in its acquisition of a private company that owned key intellectual property rights
- Represented the largest limited partner in the Phoenix Suns NBA franchise in connection with the sale of its limited partnership interest

- Represented seller in sale of mutual funds to a public corporation
- Represented injection molding company in connection with the sale of several of its divisions, with an aggregate value of \$83 million, including a sale to a management-led group

Energy-Related Matters

- Represented utility in \$4 billion solar energy purchase power agreement
- Represented utility in \$215 million sale of Nevada-based power plant
- Represented utility in \$200 million acquisition of Arizona-based power plant
- Represented seller in \$16 million sale of manufacturer of nuclear waste storage and transportation casks
- Represented publicly held corporation in \$45 million sale of energy services company
- Represented nuclear utilities in sale-leaseback transactions involving nuclear power plants
- Represented merchant generator and utility in connection with combustion turbine purchases and long-term service agreements for combustion turbine maintenance, with an aggregate value of several hundred million dollars

Corporate Governance & Related Matters

- Represent various public companies in improving board's effectiveness through a thorough board assessment process.
- Represented independent directors of publicly held corporation in connection with a going-private transaction
- Represented audit committee of bank, a subsidiary of a publicly held corporation, in connection with various disclosure and director liability issues arising out of regulatory proceedings
- Represented independent directors of publicly held corporation in connection with issues arising out of prior corporate transactions with the Chief Executive Officer
- Represented private corporation in the restructuring of its domestic and international corporate organization to establish clear governance structure and to minimize enterprise liability

Education

- Notre Dame Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*)
 - Order of the Coif
 - Editor, Notre Dame Law Review
- University of Notre Dame (B.A., Government and Economics, *magna cum laude*)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Attorneys' Liability Assurance Society, Ltd.
 - Board Member (2007-Present)
 - Board Chair (2018-2020)
 - Audit Committee, Chairman (2010-2015)
 - Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, Chairman (2016-2018)
- Arizona Equal Justice Foundation

- Board of Directors/President (2019-Present)
- Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education
 - President (2008)
 - Board Member (2003-2009)
- State Bar of Arizona
 - Limited Liability Company Act Subcommittee of the Corporations, Banking and Business Law Section (1991-1992)

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[Snell & Wilmer Chair On Passing The Torch, Loyalty To Firm](#)," Interview, Law360 Pulse (April 5, 2023)
- "[Legal Industry Outlook for 2023](#)," Interview, Arizona Business Leaders (January 2023)
- "[Snell & Wilmer Chair Sets Leadership Transition Plan in Motion; Successor Will Take Over in 2023](#)," Quoted, Phoenix Business Journal (March 10, 2022)
- "[Snell & Wilmer's Dallas Office Was 10 Years In The Making](#)," Quoted, Law360 Pulse (January 20, 2022)
- "[Here Are the Law Trends to Watch in 2022](#)," Interview, AZBusiness Leaders Magazine (December 28, 2021)
- "[When Law Firm Offices Shut, Work-Life Boundaries Crumbled. Rebuilding Them Will Be Difficult](#)," Quoted, Law.com (April 29, 2021)
- "[The Pandemic and Law Firm Culture](#)," Quoted, Arizona Attorney (December 2020)
- "[Top Phoenix Law Firm Draws ASU Grads With Culture of Commitment](#)," Quoted, ASU Law (August 26, 2020)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- Walter E. Craig Distinguished Service Award, Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education (2024)
- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell® (2023)
- Service Above Self Award, Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation (2023)
- Most Admired Leaders, Phoenix Business Journal (2020)
- Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona, AzBusiness Magazine (2020-2022)
- AZ Business Leader, AZ Business Leaders Magazine (2020-2024)
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Banking & Finance Law, Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Mutual Funds Law, Securities Law/Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation (1995-2024)
 - Phoenix Lawyer of the Year, Securities Regulation (2021)
 - Phoenix Lawyer of the Year, Corporate Governance and Compliance Law (2013, 2016, 2018, 2020)
 - Phoenix Lawyer of the Year, Securities Law/Capital Markets Law (2015)
 - Phoenix Lawyer of the Year, Mergers & Acquisitions Law (2012)

- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business®, Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions (2004-2024)
- Southwest Super Lawyers®, Mergers & Acquisitions (2007-2021, 2024)
- Ranking Arizona: The Best of Arizona Attorneys, Corporate Law (2010-2011)
- Lawdragon Top 3000 Leading Lawyers in America (2010-2011)
- Arizona's Top Lawyers, AzBusiness Magazine (2010)
- Arizona's Finest Lawyers
- Who's Who of America's Attorneys
- BTI Client Service All-Star Team

Community Involvement

- The Phoenix Symphony, Board of Directors (2023-Present)
- Sandra Day O'Connor Institute
 - Board Chair (2019-2024)
 - Board Member (2017-present)
- Valley of the Sun United Way
 - Board of Directors (2020-present)
 - Founding Member, Valley of the Sun United Way Bench and Bar Donor Circle (2021)
 - Co-Chair, Valley of the Sun United Way Tocqueville Society and Major Gifts Committee (2021)
- Notre Dame Law School
 - Advisory Council Member (2017-2023)
- Greater Phoenix Leadership, Board of Directors (2018-2022)
 - Board Treasurer (2022-2023)
 - Member (2017)
- Musical Instrument Museum
 - Board of Directors (2015-2021)
- Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
 - Board Member (2001-2005; 2011-2017)
- Judge Learned Hand Community Service Award, American Jewish Committee (2014)
- St. Joseph the Worker Job Service for the Homeless
 - Founding Board Member (1988-2008)
 - Chairman (1996-2000)
- Sir Thomas More Award (1999)
- University of Notre Dame Exemplar Award for Community Service (1997)
- Kevin Kolb's Pass It 4ward Foundation, Executive Board (2012-2013)
- Fiscal Accountability and Reform Efforts Committee
 - Board Member (1991-1995)
- Diocesan School Board, Diocese of Phoenix
 - Board Member (1986-1992)

- Valley Leadership, Class XII (1990-1991)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona