

Firm Profile

Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. has grown to become one of the largest full-service law firms in the western United States, with more than 400 attorneys in nine locations throughout the western United States and in Mexico including Los Angeles and Orange County, California; Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona; Denver, Colorado; Los Cabos, Mexico; Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada; and Salt Lake City, Utah. Since being established in 1938, the firm's diverse client base of publicly traded and Fortune 500 companies, small businesses, emerging organizations and entrepreneurs has grown to more than 10,000 businesses and individuals.

Snell & Wilmer and our attorneys have been recognized by clients and peers for exceptional legal skills and ethical business practices with various distinguished awards, including having 97 attorneys listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012* and has also been named a "Go-To" Law Firm® as reported in *Corporate Counsel*.

As a large, full-service law firm, Snell & Wilmer provides the competitive advantage of having the ability to call upon the diverse experience of our more than 400 attorneys to address the particular and evolving legal issues of any engagement. A team of attorneys and support staff can be easily assembled for large-scale projects or emergency situations. To maximize these advantages, Snell & Wilmer attorneys are organized into practice groups. This gives clients easy accessibility to the unique skills and knowledge of each attorney. The legal environment is constantly evolving and, in response to the needs of current and potential clients, Snell & Wilmer frequently expands its areas of practice.

For over 70 years, Snell & Wilmer has been dedicated to providing superior client service. As a result, we have earned a reputation for providing our clients what they value – exceptional legal skills, quick response and practical solutions with the highest level of professional integrity. Snell & Wilmer's attorneys and staff continue to be strongly committed to these objectives.

Our California Offices

Snell & Wilmer has more than 80 lawyers practicing in our downtown Los Angeles and Orange County offices. Our Los Angeles and Orange County offices provide clients in California, and throughout the region, with a wide range of legal services.

Our downtown Los Angeles office, established in 2009, extends our full service California practice, including expertise in general litigation, data security and privacy, class action defense, corporate, real estate, franchising, licensing and distribution regulation and litigation, patent and intellectual property litigation, and bankruptcy.

Established in 1989, the Orange County office serves a diverse base of business and individual clients, including real estate developers, manufacturers, technology companies, and financial and banking institutions. Primary practice areas include general business litigation, product liability litigation, employment law services, tax and estate planning, real estate, commercial finance, environmental, franchising and licensing, bioscience, pharmaceutical and medical devices, securities, corporate law, intellectual property, data security and privacy, and mergers and acquisitions.

Intellectual Property and Technology

Our Practice

In today's increasingly competitive business environment, successful (and smart) companies have plans in place to protect their intellectual property, such as proprietary technology. They also implement strategies to avoid liability for infringing the intellectual property rights of others. Snell & Wilmer's Intellectual Property and Technology team offers tactics for both, as well as a superior level of service in a professionally supportive environment.

Intellectual property attorneys at Snell & Wilmer have extensive knowledge of our clients' businesses, issues and concerns. We are equipped to assist in the most efficient manner possible. Services the group provides for our clients on a regular basis include:

- Patent Litigation
- Patent Assessment & Due Diligence
- Patent-Based Transactions & Strategic Counseling
- Patent Procurement & US and Foreign-Based Prosecution
- Trademark Procurement & Litigation
- Copyright Procurement & Litigation
- Trade Secret and Unfair Competition Litigation
- False Advertising Litigation

Our intellectual property attorneys are experienced, and prepared to engage as necessary, in litigation and other forms of dispute resolution to enforce our clients' intellectual property rights and defend them against the assertion of intellectual property rights by others. Our intellectual property litigation experience ranges from representing Fortune 100 companies in significant patent litigation to resolving smaller matters through litigation or other dispute resolution techniques for medium sized and even emerging companies. Our philosophy throughout is to resolve whatever the business problem is through efficient use of legal resources.

Our Attorneys

Intellectual Property and Technology attorneys have technical backgrounds and degrees in a variety of technical disciplines, including all types of engineering, computer science, materials science, physics, chemistry, biology, physiology and biochemistry. They are admitted to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, D.C., which hears all patent litigation appeals.

Our Clients

Clients of Intellectual Property and Technology are spread across the United States and around the world. Their needs are as diverse as their businesses, and their requirements are as broad as their geography.

Our Experience

The Intellectual Property and Technology team strives to provide creative solutions for our clients in all aspects of securing, exploiting and enforcing rights in technology and intellectual property. Snell & Wilmer's attorneys handle a broad array of intellectual property and technology matters in the areas of:

- Agriculture
- Biotechnology
- Business methods
- Computer systems
- Data processing
- Electronics, Computers and Software
- Financial institutions
- Fiber optics
- Image processing
- Mechanical and electrical engineering
- Medical devices
- Metallurgy
- Organic and inorganic chemistry
- Pharmaceuticals
- Semiconductors
- Space- and aviation-related technology
- Telecommunications and the Internet