



The Federal Bar Association, Phoenix Chapter, presents:

Can Federal Jurisdiction Derive from Consent?: The High Stakes of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Wellness* Case

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The question of subject matter jurisdiction by the implied or explicit consent of the parties was squarely framed by the arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court on January 14, 2015, in *Wellness International Network v. Sharif*. The decision could recast the roles of bankruptcy judges, magistrate judges, and district judges in their adjudication on a wide variety of issues. Mr. Kroop and Mr. Gaffney will engage in a fast-paced debate on the central issues presented.

Mr. Kroop is a corporate bankruptcy, restructuring and reorganization attorney, representing debtors, official committees, acquirers, and significant creditors in Chapter 11 matters involving publicly traded and privately held companies throughout the nation. He is a partner in the Bankruptcy & Restructuring group of Perkins Coie.

Mr. Gaffney, President-Elect of the Phoenix Chapter, is a partner and practice group leader in Snell & Wilmer's bankruptcy, reorganization, and workout law. He also has significant experience in privacy law, electronic payment systems, and commercial litigation. He was co-author of the *amicus* brief for the American Bar Association in the *Wellness* case before the Supreme Court.

Date and Time: **Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 12:00 – 1:15PM**
Location: Sandra Day O'Connor U.S. Courthouse / Jury Assembly Room
Cost in advance: \$15.00 (FBA Members); \$25.00 (Non-members); \$10.00 (Law Students);
Free for current federal judicial law clerks and externs
Cost at the door: \$20.00 (FBA Members), \$30.00 (All others)

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