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## AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION NAMES SNELL & WILMER PARTNER STEFFI GASCÓN HAFEN AS A ON THE RISE – TOP 40 YOUNG LAWYER

**ORANGE COUNTY (July 10, 2019)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that Orange County and Los Angeles Partner <u>Steffi Gascón Hafen</u> has been selected by the <u>American Bar Association</u> as a 2019 <u>On the Rise – Top 40 Young Lawyer</u> Honoree.

Hafen is a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law, California Board of Legal Specialization, and has her LL.M. in Taxation. She is a partner of the firm's Private Client Services and General Federal Tax practice groups and works in the Orange County and Los Angeles offices. Hafen's practice is concentrated in tax, trust, and estate matters with emphasis in estate planning, trust and probate administration, and estate and gift taxation.

"I am honored to be recognized as a community and industry leader on the ABA's On the Rise – Top 40 Young Lawyers list," said Hafen. "Snell & Wilmer has supported my growth as both a lawyer and a person. For that I will always be grateful."



Steffi Gascón Hafen

In addition to growing her practice, Hafen serves on her firm's Attorney Development and Hiring Committees in an effort to create, manage, and improve professional development and integration opportunities for attorneys to reach their full potential at Snell & Wilmer. In January 2019, Hafen was elected to Snell & Wilmer's partnership in her first year of eligibility. Partnership selection at Snell & Wilmer is based on a comprehensive look at an attorney's demonstrated skills and potential as a lawyer and partner, and commitment to the firm, clients, and the community.

Hafen has been published in the areas of tax and estate planning and has spoken to various organizations, including the ABA and the National Diversity Council. She was named a 2018 Top Latino Lawyer by Latino Leaders Magazine and has been selected as a Rising Star by Southern California Super Lawyers the past two years.

"Steffi is a dedicated and important member of our OC office and the firm as a whole," said Ketan Vakil, administrative partner of Snell & Wilmer's Orange County office. "She is an outstanding attorney and has always been a leader in the community and at the firm. We're really excited for Steffi as this is a well-deserved honor."

Hafen is dedicated to diversity and advancement in the legal profession and community. She serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Orange County Head Start and sits on the Boards of Boys and Girls Clubs of Long Beach and Orange County Hispanic Bar Association.

The On The Rise program recognizes ABA young lawyer members who exemplify a broad range of high achievement, innovation, vision, leadership, and legal and community service. To be eligible to be nominated they must be an ABA member in good standing under the age of 36 years old in 2019 or have received their license within the last five years.

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