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TWO SNELL & WILMER PARTNERS SELECTED AS FINALISTS FOR SAN DIEGO BUSINESS JOURNAL LEADERS IN LAW AWARDS 2020

SAN DIEGO (November 9, 2020) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that partners [Steffi Gascón Hafen](#) and [Jeffrey D. Morton](#) have been named as finalists in San Diego Business Journal's [Leaders in Law Awards 2020](#). This list annually recognizes outstanding legal professionals in the San Diego county law community.

Hafen is a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law, California Board of Legal Specialization. She is a partner of the firm's Private Client Services and General Federal Tax practice groups. 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. She received her L.L.M. in Taxation from Loyola Law School, her J.D. from the University of Southern California, Gould School of Law, and her B.A. from University of California, Santa Barbara.



Steffi Gascón Hafen



Jeffrey D. Morton

Morton represents start-up and large enterprises for their intellectual property, technology and commercial law needs. His practice focuses on all aspects of intellectual property and technology law, with particular experience in the life sciences industry. Morton has significant patent prosecution experience in a wide range of technologies, including immunotherapeutics for treating diabetes, HIV and cancer, and DNA sequencing methods and related devices. He earned a J.D. from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law and has a Ph.D. in immunology from Washington University School of Medicine.

Earlier in 2020, Hafen and Morton relocated to San Diego to lead the firm's efforts to further establish its presence in the region. The San Diego office is the firm's third location in California and was established to meet the growing needs of its clients in the region. Located in one of the top biotech centers in the United States, the office will focus on biotech intellectual property, as well as tax, private client services, and labor and employment services to a wide range of individuals, businesses, and industries.

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