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## **SAN DIEGO METRO RECOGNIZES BARDIA MOAYEDI AND JEFFREY D. MORTON AS 2021 MEN OF INFLUENCE**

**SAN DIEGO (August 23, 2021)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that San Diego partners [Bardia Moayed](#) and [Jeffrey D. Morton, Ph.D.](#) have been selected for inclusion in [San Diego Metro's 2021 Men of Influence](#). This list recognizes men who have made significant contributions to the San Diego community.

Moayed is a corporate and securities partner and co-chair of the firm's Technology Industry Group, with a primary emphasis on advising emerging growth and public companies throughout their life cycles, particularly in the life sciences, high-technology, financial technology, food and beverage, and clean-technology industries. He has significant experience representing companies and financial firms in a broad range of general corporate governance and transactional matters, including venture capital financings, mergers and acquisitions, debt offerings, spin-offs/divestitures, joint ventures, IPOs, follow-on offerings, and tender offers. He is a trusted advisor, often serving as the go-to outside counsel or lead counsel to his clients.



Bardia Moayed

Moayed was recently selected as one of San Diego Business Journal's 2021 40 Next Top Business Leaders Under 40. He is an active member of the startup and venture capital community in Southern California, volunteering his time as an advisor for the University of California, Irvine Applied Innovation Incubator, San Diego State University ZIP Launchpad and University of California, Hastings Startup Legal Garage. Moayed is also a member of the San Diego Venture Group, Business Forum International and Iranian American Bar Association San Diego Chapter. He received his J.D. from University of San Diego School of Law and his B.A. from University of California, Los Angeles.



Jeffrey D. Morton, Ph.D.

Morton is a founding partner of the San Diego office, and co-chairs the firm's Life Sciences and Medical Technology, and Technology Industry Groups. He has over 15 years of experience representing both start-up and large enterprises for their intellectual property and commercial law needs. He is retained on a regular basis to serve as external IP/technology counsel to companies around the world, and also represents numerous leading international law firms to protect their clients' intellectual property rights in the United States. 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.

After relocating to California in 2020 to lead the opening of Snell & Wilmer's newest office in San Diego, Morton continues to be a leader in his industry and community. In 2021, he was selected as an Arizona Patent Leader by the World IP Review and in 2020, he was named a San Diego Business Journal's Leaders in Law finalist. Morton is an active member of the San Diego County Bar Association and was selected for leadership in 2021, serving as the Member at Large for the Intellectual Property Law section. He received his J.D. from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law and his Ph.D. in immunology from Washington University School of Medicine.

Snell & Wilmer's San Diego office was established in April 2020 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 focuses on biotechnology law, as well as tax, intellectual property, private client services, corporate and securities, real

estate, commercial finance and labor and employment services to a wide range of individuals, businesses, and industries.

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