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SNELL & WILMER CONTINUES SAN DIEGO OFFICE EXPANSION WITH ADDITION OF BIOTECH PARTNER JAIME D. CHOI, PH.D.

SAN DIEGO (August 31, 2021) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that [Jaime D. Choi, Ph.D.](#) has joined as partner in the San Diego office.

“Jaime’s high-end skills spanning chemistry, biophysics, and informatics are a welcome addition to our growing life sciences practice in San Diego,” said [Jeffrey D. Morton](#), co-chair of the firm’s Life Sciences and Medical Technology industry group. “Snell & Wilmer is committed to the growth and expansion of a robust life sciences practice that promotes excellence while maintaining a highly collegial and collaborative atmosphere within the group - Jaime’s addition to our group is a key part of this focused expansion,” added Morton.

“We are thrilled to welcome Jaime to the San Diego office,” said San Diego partner [Steffi Gascón Hafén](#). “Her dedication to the San Diego startup and life sciences communities demonstrates how her values are aligned with ours and she is a strong cultural fit.”

Choi’s practice focuses on patenting complex, interdisciplinary technologies and building strategic patent portfolios, with an emphasis on evaluating and mitigating risk from third-party patents. She advises clients in a variety of market sectors, including bioinformatics, medical devices, robotics, microfluidics, semiconductor fabrication, digital signal processing, photonics, advanced imaging, and fabrication of complex materials and devices that use them. She is licensed to practice in California and before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.



Jaime D. Choi, Ph.D.

Within the start-up community, Choi has been involved in the University of San Diego and the Zahn Innovation Center at the City College of New York, providing innovators with essential information on intellectual property needs. She also has been active in the MIT Enterprise Forum (San Diego) and Athena, a premier women’s advocacy organization that fast tracks women in STEM through leadership development. She was recognized in 2020 and 2021 by The Legal 500 United States in the area of patent prosecution.

Choi received her J.D. from University of San Diego School of Law, her Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and her B.A. in Chemistry from Rice University. She joins Snell & Wilmer from the San Diego office of Eversheds Sutherland.

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 representing biotechnology and technology clients on corporate and securities, intellectual property, real estate, tax, private client services, commercial finance and labor and employment matters as well as serving a wide range of individuals, businesses, and industries. To accommodate the significant growth in the office, the San Diego office recently moved to 3655 Nobel Drive, Suite 600, San Diego, California 92122.

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