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ORANGE COUNTY COALITION FOR DIVERSITY IN THE LAW RECOGNIZES SARAH AYAD, JENNY HUA AND CHARIESE SOLORIO AS 2021 TOP YOUNG DIVERSE LAWYERS OF OC

ORANGE COUNTY (December 8, 2021) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that attorneys [Sarah M. Ayad](#), [Jenny Hua](#) and [Chariese R. Solorio](#) have been selected by [Orange County Coalition for Diversity in the Law \(OCCDL\)](#) as [2021 Top Young Diverse Lawyers of OC](#). This award recognizes the achievements of legal professionals in their legal work as well as their work to champion diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Orange County legal community. The Orange County office was also recognized as a [Top Legal Organization for DEI in OC](#).

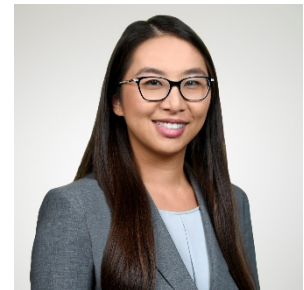
The OCCDL is a collaborative effort of professionals from leading Orange County law firms and other community partners committed to achieving cultural diversity in recruiting and retaining law students and attorneys in Orange County. Through its members and partnerships, it has been able to extend its outreach in the community, partner with local schools and organizations to increase community involvement and provide education focused on diversity to students and attorneys.

Ayad focuses her practice in product liability defense in state and federal courts, with an emphasis on automotive, medical device, appliances, and other consumer products. She has assisted in the defense of several companies in complex negligence and products liability cases involving catastrophic personal injuries and wrongful death. Ayad also handles consumer warranty and consumer fraud-based litigation. Her work includes all aspects of the litigation process, including motion practice, witness preparation, discovery, and pretrial preparation. Ayad has been part of OCCDL since 2017, previously serving as Secretary and on the Board of Directors and is currently serving as Snell & Wilmer's Firm Representative. She is a member of Snell & Wilmer's DEI Committee and serves as a mentor in its Fellowship for Advancement and Resources (FAR) program. Ayad is also a member of Snell & Wilmer's Community Involvement Committee. She received her J.D. from University of California, Hastings College of Law and her B.A. from University of Southern California.

Hua's practice is concentrated in commercial litigation and appellate litigation. She has handled a wide range of business litigation matters, including defenses of statutory violations. Hua uses creative strategies to help resolve cases early and has brought dispositive motions, including demurrers, motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment and post-judgment motions. She has also counseled trial teams in preserving the record and drafting jury instructions and motions-in-limine in preparation for appeal. Hua has handled dozens of appellate cases and filed briefs, writs and petitions in the California appellate courts, California Supreme Court, Ninth Circuit and US Supreme Court. Hua is the Co-Chair of the Appellate Litigation Subcommittee in the Business and Corporate Litigation Section of the American Bar Association and the Chair of the Appellate Law section of the Orange County Bar Association. Hua has been a member of OCCDL since 2013. Hua is a member of



Sarah M. Ayad



Jenny Hua



Chariese R. Solorio

Snell & Wilmer's DEI Committee, Hiring Committee, and Attorney Development Committee (ADC). She received her J.D. from University of California, Irvine School of Law and her M.A. and B.A. from Case Western Reserve University.

Solorio focuses her practice in product liability litigation, defending motor vehicle manufacturers in complex negligence and product liability cases involving catastrophic personal injuries and wrongful death. She has litigated a wide array of disputes in both federal and state courts. Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, Solorio represented California public entities in defending against a variety of allegations, including general torts, wrongful death, civil rights, and premises and personal injury liability. Solorio has been a member of OCCDL since 2019 and is an active mentor in the organization's Mentorship Program. She is also a member of Snell & Wilmer's Community Involvement Committee and Leaders Empowering and Advocating for Protégés (LEAP) program. She received her J.D. from University of California, Irvine School of Law and her B.A. from University of California, Los Angeles.

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