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SNELL & WILMER NAMES SARAH M. AYAD AND IMEABASI IBOK LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ON LEGAL DIVERSITY PATHFINDERS

LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTY (February 17, 2022) – Snell and Wilmer is pleased to announce it has selected [Sarah M. Ayad](#) and [Imeabasi Ibok](#) for membership in the 2022 class of Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Pathfinders—a seven-month professional program designed to train high-performing attorneys with 3-7 years of experience on foundational leadership and relationship-building.

“Sarah and Ime are shining examples of future leaders, who have shown a real commitment to our organization’s diversity, inclusion and equity efforts,” said Joann Thach, senior director of diversity, equity and inclusion for Snell & Wilmer. “I look forward to their continued growth in this crucial area.”

[The Leadership Council on Legal Diversity](#) is an organization of more than 400 corporate chief legal officers and law firm managing partners—the leadership of the profession—who have pledged themselves, through its Leaders at the Front initiative and other means, to creating a truly diverse U.S. legal profession.

Designed to supplement training initiatives at LCLD Member corporations and law firms, the Pathfinder Program provides participants with practical tools for developing and leveraging internal professional networks, foundational leadership skills, and an understanding of career development strategies. Each Pathfinder is matched with a Program Facilitator to serve as a mentor in helping one connect what they learn in the program to the organization at which they work.

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. She received her J.D. from University of California, Hastings College of Law and her B.A. from University of Southern California.

Ibok focuses his practice on corporate transactions, including complex mergers and acquisitions (buy-side and sell-side), equity and debt financings, joint ventures, securities law compliance, corporate governance and a variety of other corporate matters. Ibok also has experience advising clients on commercial contracting matters with an emphasis on manufacturing and supply-chain and licensing. He received his J.D. from Howard University School of Law and his B.A. from the University of California, Riverside.

About Snell & Wilmer

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