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## News Release

### THREE SNELL & WILMER PARTNERS SELECTED FOR INCLUSION IN SAN DIEGO BUSINESS JOURNAL'S WOMEN OF INFLUENCE IN LAW 2022

**SAN DIEGO (June 20, 2022)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that San Diego partners [Jaime D. Choi, Ph.D.](#), [Steffi Gascón Hafen](#) and [Monique Lashbrook](#) have been selected for inclusion in [San Diego Business Journal's Women of Influence in Law 2022](#). This recognition celebrates women trailblazers in law by highlighting their careers and significant accomplishments within the San Diego community.

Choi is an intellectual property partner of the San Diego office whose 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. Choi also has deep experience in disputes, including litigation, arbitration, licensing, and trade secrets. She received her J.D. from University of San Diego School of Law, her Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and her B.A. in Chemistry from Rice University.



Jaime D. Choi, Ph.D.



Steffi Gascón Hafen

Hafen is the managing partner of our San Diego office, and is a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law, California Board of Legal Specialization. She is a co-leader of the firm's Private Client Services practice group and a partner in the firm's General Federal Tax practice group. Her practice is focused in tax, trust, and estate law. Hafen was appointed as Vice-Chair of the Estate Planning & Probate Section of the San Diego County Bar Association, where she served for a year. She is also an active member of the Lawyers' Club, the Association for Corporate Growth, San Diego and the North County Estate Planning Council. 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.



Monique Lashbrook

Lashbrook is a real estate partner of the San Diego office who focuses her practice on real estate, corporate and commercial finance-related matters and transactions. She has extensive experience handling real estate acquisitions and dispositions, joint ventures, commercial mortgage financing, commercial leasing for industrial and retail spaces, and property management matters. She is an active member of the Chicano Federation, serving on the Board of Directors as the Secretary and serving on the Executive Committee. Lashbrook is also a member of the Hispanic Bar Association, San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association and CREW San Diego, a network dedicated to influence the success of the real estate industry by advancing the achievements of women. She received her J.D. from University of Illinois, College of Law, her M.B.A. from Saint Ambrose University, and her B.A. from University of California, Los Angeles.

#### About Snell & Wilmer

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Washington; and Los Cabos, Mexico. The firm represents clients ranging from large, publicly traded corporations to small businesses, individuals and entrepreneurs. For more information, visit [swlaw.com](http://swlaw.com).

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