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SAN DIEGO BUSINESS JOURNAL RECOGNIZES JAIME D. CHOI, SARAH HIBBARD AND APRIL M. WURSTER AS 2022 TOP LEADERS OF INFLUENCE IN LIFE SCIENCE

SAN DIEGO (July 25, 2022) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that [Jaime D. Choi, Ph.D.](#), [Sarah Hibbard](#) and [April M. Wurster](#) have been selected for inclusion in [San Diego Business Journal's 2022 Top Leaders of Influence in Life Science](#). According to the publication, this list recognizes the top 50 leaders of influence in life science in San Diego by acknowledging their contributions and commitment in the business community.

Choi is an intellectual property partner of the San Diego office and co-chair of the Life Sciences and Medical Technology industry group. Her practice focuses on patenting complex, interdisciplinary technologies and building strategic patent portfolios, with an emphasis on evaluating and mitigating risk from third-party patents. Choi 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 also has deep experience in disputes, including litigation, arbitration, licensing, and trade secrets. Choi 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.

Hibbard is a Snell & Wilmer corporate attorney and former in-house general counsel for a San Diego-based biotechnology company operating in the oncology space. She counsels life sciences and technology companies from formation through growth and exit, serving as a strategic advisor in the journey from research and development to commercial success. Hibbard draws on stealth start-up to multibillion-dollar company insights to serve clients, blending legal strategy, and planning with practical solutions. As a dealmaker, she represented companies on financings, licensing and tech transfers; collaborations; sponsored research and clinical research; and commercial transactions, as well as mergers and acquisitions. Hibbard is an active member of the University of California, Hastings College of Law's Start-Up Legal Garage and serves as the current co-vice chair for Women in Bio. She received her J.D. from Thomas Jefferson School of Law and her B.S. from San Diego State University.

Wurster focuses her practice in intellectual property and life science. She uses cross-functional knowledge and experience to build a thorough understanding of the company's business, employees, products, customers and competitors to provide strategic guidance. Wurster works in new subject matter areas on a daily basis, assimilates information quickly and develops a deep understanding in those areas. She excels at distilling complex ideas into understandable concepts. Wurster's extensive patent protection experience includes working with inventors to identify patentable inventions, drafting patent applications, prosecuting patents and providing freedom to operate analyses. Her trademark protection experience includes assisting clients with trademark filing and prosecution, as well as ensuring proper trademark usage on product marketing materials. Wurster is involved with Athena and is a member of an Athena FEW Group, Women in Bio and is also involved with SunLaw. She received



Jaime D. Choi, Ph.D.



Sarah Hibbard



April M. Wurster

her J.D. from University of California, Hastings College of Law and she received her M.S. in Molecular Biology and her B.S. in Biochemistry and Cell Biology from University of California, San Diego.

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