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TWO SNELL & WILMER ATTORNEYS SELECTED AS FINALISTS FOR SAN DIEGO BUSINESS JOURNAL 2021 40 NEXT TOP BUSINESS LEADERS UNDER 40

SAN DIEGO (July 19, 2021) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that San Diego attorneys [Bardia Moayed](#) and [Sarah Hibbard](#) have been named as finalists in San Diego Business Journal's [2021 40 Next Top Business Leaders Under 40](#). This list recognizes talented leaders, change makers and innovators under the age of 40 who are making waves, creating impact and leaving a positive mark on the San Diego community.

Moayed is a corporate and securities partner and co-chair of the firm's Technology Industry Group, with a primary emphasis on advising emerging growth and public companies throughout their life cycles, particularly in the life sciences, high-technology, financial technology, food and beverage, and clean-technology industries. He has significant experience representing companies and financial firms in a broad range of general corporate governance and transactional matters, including venture capital financings, mergers and acquisitions, debt offerings, spin-offs/divestitures, joint ventures, IPOs, follow-on offerings, and tender offers. He is a trusted advisor, often serving as the go-to outside counsel or lead counsel to his clients.

Hibbard is an experienced corporate attorney with a focus on the intersection of law, science and business. She counsels board members, C-suites, and other executives on navigating regulatory, transactional, and legal complexities. Hibbard has represented companies on IP and commercial transactions (e.g., licensing and tech transfers, collaborations, sponsored research, and manufacturing), as well as agreements for pre-clinical and clinical R&D activities. She has also represented clients in venture capital financings, and mergers and acquisitions.

Moayed is an active member of the startup and venture capital community in Southern California, volunteering his time as an advisor for the University of California, Irvine Applied Innovation Incubator, San Diego State University ZIP Launchpad and University of California, Hastings Startup Legal Garage. He is also a member of the San Diego Venture Group, Business Forum International and Iranian American Bar Association San Diego Chapter. Moayed received his J.D. from University of San Diego School of Law and his B.A. from University of California, Los Angeles.

Hibbard recognizes the importance of being actively involved with her community and organizations focused on supporting the advancement of women in the legal and STEM professions. She is a member of the San Diego County Bar Association's Governance Committee, is Co-Vice Chair of Founder's Forum for the San Diego Chapter of Women in Bio, and is also an active member of Athena, Women in STEM and the Licensing Executive Society San Diego Chapter. She is also a mentor in the Aztec Mentor Program at San Diego State University. Hibbard received her J.D. from Thomas Jefferson School of Law and her B.S. from San Diego State University.

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 biotechnology law, as well as tax, intellectual property, private client services, corporate and securities, real estate, commercial finance and labor and employment services to a wide range of individuals, businesses, and industries.



Bardia Moayed



Sarah Hibbard

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