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News Release

THREE SNELL & WILMER PARTNERS RECOGNIZED AS 2022 ORANGE COUNTY VISIONARIES BY TIMESOC B2B PUBLISHING

ORANGE COUNTY (October 3, 2022) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that partners [Michele Sabo Assayag](#), [Gina L. Miller](#) and [Elizabeth M. Weldon](#) have been recognized by TimesOC B2B publishing as 2022 Visionaries in the [Orange County Visionaries: Trends, Updates and Visionaries](#) magazine. According to the publication, this list recognizes those who have displayed exemplary leadership qualities within their industry and organizations and are impacting change across communities in Orange County. Nominees are determined based on the following criteria: professional achievements in the last 24 months, impact the nominee has made to the growth and progress of their organization and respective industry as well as any leadership roles the nominee has to take on within the community.

Assayag practices in the areas of commercial finance, creditors' rights and bankruptcy litigation and restructuring, where she has had extensive experience in the representation of secured and unsecured lenders. She has litigated in the state, federal and bankruptcy courts on behalf of domestic, foreign and international lending institutions, as well as on behalf of non-bank lenders and Fortune 500 companies. A substantial portion of Assayag's practice encompasses, on behalf of her financial institution clients, the documentation of commercial, real estate and asset-based lending transactions. She has also represented the firm's clients in the acquisition and disposition of major real estate assets, including retail centers, apartment buildings and business parks. Assayag received her J.D. from Loyola Law School and her B.A. from University of California at Los Angeles.



Miller's practice is focused in all aspects of labor and employment litigation and counseling including defending employers in federal and state courts and administrative industries. Her litigation experience includes complex wage and hour class actions, as well as single plaintiff lawsuits in the areas of discrimination, wrongful termination, retaliation, harassment and breach of contract. She has also represented clients before the Labor Commissioner and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), as well as handling pre-trial litigation including discovery, depositions, motion for summary judgment hearings, and TRO proceedings. Miller provides counseling for employers of all sizes concerning employment policies and practices including employee handbooks, arbitration and employment agreements, COVID-19 policies, wage and hour and vacation policies, and leaves of absence. She received her J.D. from University of San Diego School of Law and her B.A. from Westmont College.



Weldon is a Certified Specialist in Franchise and Distribution Law, The State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization. She concentrates her practice on business litigation and franchise litigation, at trial, judicial reference, and arbitration. Weldon represents both large and small businesses in commercial litigation matters, including breach of contract, tort, unfair competition, class action, commercial real estate, intellectual property disputes, such as patent, trademark, and trade dress claims, as well as other complex matters. Additionally, she represents franchisors in matters including breach of contract, trademark and trade name infringement, business competition torts, vicarious liability and joint employer issues, and franchise law claims. Weldon received her J.D. from William & Mary School of Law and her B.A. from University of Arizona.



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