

## Neda A. Sharifi

### Senior Counsel

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Neda A. Sharifi, Ph.D. is a senior counsel and business lawyer with Foley & Lardner LLP. Her practice is focused on corporate and securities laws matters, including mergers and acquisitions and securities law compliance counseling. She also handles a wide variety of commercial contracts, including technology related agreements. Neda is a member of the firm's Transactional & Securities and Finance & Financial Institutions Practices.

Neda has advised inventors on protection and management of intellectual property rights. She has prosecuted numerous domestic and foreign patent applications. Her experience has also included providing scientific advice to international and national corporations.

Prior to joining Foley, Neda served as a registered patent agent to a large corporate law firm.

### Awards and Recognition

- Who's Who in the World
- Who's Who in America
- Who's Who in Science and Engineering

### Publications and Presentations

- Co-author, "Expansive Interpretation of Caremark Creates Challenges for Private Company Boards," *Westlaw Journal Corporate Officers and Directors Liability*, August 16, 2019
- "VC Funds Face Risk Appointing Representatives To Board," Corporate Board Member, April 12, 2018
- "Delaware Court Invalidates Supermajority Bylaw to Remove Directors Without Cause," *Westlaw Journal: Expert Analysis*, March 20, 2017
- "CEOs Provide Common Sense Corporate Governance Principles," *Bloomberg BNA: Corporate Law & Accountability Report*, October 18, 2016
- "Bylaw Wars: Boards Awaken," *The Corporate Board*, March/April 2016

- “Delaware Curbs Frivolous Merger Suits with More Critical Review of Disclosure-Only Pacts,” *Westlaw Journal: Delaware Corporate*, October 12, 2015
- “Delaware Court Delays C&J Energy Merger for Flawed Sale Process,” *Westlaw Journal: Corporate Officers & Directors Liability*, December 15, 2014

Neda is also a regular speaker, having presented at several national and international conferences regarding research findings in gene regulation.

## Languages

- Farsi (Fluent)

## Sectors

- Cannabis
- Health Care & Life Sciences
- Health Tech & Genomics
- Innovative Technology
- Pharmaceuticals

## Practice Areas

- Capital Markets & Public Company Advisory
- Corporate
- Finance
- Transactions

## Education

- Florida Coastal School of Law (J.D., magna cum laude)
- Johns Hopkins School of Medicine (Ph.D.)
  - Human Genetics and Molecular Biology
- University of Maryland (B.S.)
  - Physiology and Neurobiology

## Admissions

- Florida
- United States Patent and Trademark Office