

Atoussa Mahmoudpour Named Among Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women

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VANCOUVER, October 30, 2024 – Cozen O'Connor is proud to announce that Atoussa Mahmoudpour, Canadian Chair of Life Sciences and Technology Practice, has been recognized as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women for 2024 by the Women's Executive Network (WXN) under the Professional Category. This marks Atoussa's third time receiving this prestigious accolade.

Atoussa's recognition in the WXN Top 100 is a testament to her extraordinary contributions to the Canadian life sciences and technology ecosystem. As the Canadian Chair of Life Sciences and Technology at Cozen O'Connor, Atoussa has fostered strong relationships with key industry players, she has leveraged her persistent and determined personality to distinguish herself from other legal practitioners. Refusing to take no for an answer, Atoussa has meticulously built a robust network within the life sciences and technology sectors. Her leadership, vision, and dedication have not only advanced the firm's objectives but also set new standards of excellence in the legal industry.

Atoussa's commitment to professional development and mentorship has cultivated a culture of excellence, inspiring the next generation of legal professionals to achieve their full potential. As the firm's first Canadian EDI representative, Atoussa is dedicated to promoting diversity and inclusion within the legal industry. She leads initiatives that foster an inclusive work environment and advocates for the advancement of underrepresented groups in the legal profession.

Atoussa's contributions have not only propelled her own career but also paved the way for greater diversity and inclusion within the legal profession. Her strategic foresight and innovative thinking have been crucial in expanding Cozen O'Connor's Life Sciences and Technology practices. Recognizing the rapid advancements and complexities within these industries, she has developed a comprehensive approach that aligns with the evolving needs of clients. Notably, she spearheaded the establishment of the firm's Life Sciences practice in Canada from ground up. Her leadership has been instrumental in positioning the firm as a trusted adviser to leading life sciences and technology companies, ensuring that they navigate regulatory landscapes, and achieve business growth. "Atoussa's accomplishments in such a short period are nothing short of remarkable. She has gained a positive reputation within the life sciences sector, becoming a known figure among her peers and industry professionals." notes John D. Shire, Cozen O'Connor's Co-Chair of Health Law and Life Sciences.

She has played a pivotal role in supporting women-led biotech companies, helping them thrive in a competitive industry. By offering tailored legal strategies and fostering connections within the industry, she has empowered these companies to overcome challenges and achieve success.

Her leadership skills and commitment to excellence have led her to be recognized in The Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners she was also the winner of the Western Canada General Counsel, Tomorrow's Leader Award in 2022, and one of WXN's Top 100 award recipient in the Professionals category in 2021 and the Women of Courage category in 2023.

"It is an honour to be recognized as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women for a third time. Being named as part of this group of bold, groundbreaking women is something that I could not have imagined early in my career, and I am deeply grateful. This award not only represents my personal journey but also highlights the tremendous potential and impact of the life sciences and technology sectors in Canada. I am proud to be part of a community that is driving change and to contribute to its

growth. I look forward to continuing to lead the way as a legal professional and finding opportunities to support other women, as they make their way through their professional journeys, to lead with confidence and break barriers in their respective fields.”

The complete list of Canada’s Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Awards is available [here](#).