

Working Mother Names Sheppard Mullin Among 2018 “Best Law Firms For Women”

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP was named by *Working Mother* magazine to its 11th annual “Best Law Firms for Women” list, recognizing firms that employ best practices in retaining and promoting women lawyers. Sheppard Mullin was among 60 firms to earn a spot on this year’s list.

The 2018 *Working Mother* “Best Law Firms for Women” list highlights law firms where, on average, almost half of associates and more than a third of partners are women, while one-fifth of equity partners are women. These firms also increasingly offer extended parental leave benefits and encourage more lawyers to work remotely and use flexible hours.

“We’re honored to be recognized as a law firm dedicated to inclusion and the advancement of women,” said Guy N. Halgren, chairman of Sheppard Mullin. “We work very hard to develop innovative policies and an infrastructure to allow our attorneys to manage their professional and personal lives in a way that works for them, the firm as a whole, and, most importantly, our clients.”

Dianne Smith, Sheppard Mullin’s chair of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee and Labor & Employment partner, said, “We’re very proud to be on this prestigious list. Through our partners, the Women Lawyers Group and the Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Sheppard Mullin has implemented several key initiatives designed to create an environment in which all of our women attorneys grow professionally, develop successful practices, and flourish as leaders both within the firm and in their communities. We’re committed to continuing to be a leader in developing and implementing policies to recruit, retain, and promote women in the legal profession.”

The 2018 *Working Mother* Best Law Firms for Women application included more than 300 questions about attorney representation, schedule flexibility, paid time off and parental leaves, and development and retention of women. Profiles are culled from the applications and reflect 2017 data. The full list will be published in the August/September 2018 issue of *Working Mother*. The *ABA Journal* acts as a partner in recruiting participant firms and publicizing results.

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