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Sheppard Mullin Elects Five Attorneys To Partnership

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP is pleased to announce that the firm has elevated five of its attorneys to partner. The five new partners are Jason Gasper, Roy Goldberg, Jonathan Hangartner, Amar Thakur and Carlo Van den Bosch.

"Each of these attorneys embody the firm's commitment to excellent legal representation and client service and are strong additions to the partnership. We are very proud to have this exceptional group of attorneys as our partners," said Guy Halgren, chairman of the firm.

Jason Gasper, 35, is in the firm's Labor and Employment Practice Group in the Los Angeles office. Gasper has significant experience representing employers in wage and hour class actions and regularly counsels employers on personnel policies and procedures, employee discipline matters, employment contracts, and wage and hour issues. He also conducts internal wage and hour audits to identify potential employer liability before it surfaces in a lawsuit or government audit. Gasper has lectured extensively on wage and hour law, and has also lectured on other topics, including sexual harassment, discrimination, and leave of absence issues. He received his JD from Georgetown University in 1996 and his undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, from University of California, Los Angeles in 1993.

Roy Goldberg, 42, in the Business Trial Practice Group and based in the firm's Washington, D.C. office, has extensive experience in commercial and regulatory litigation before federal and state courts, government agencies and domestic and international arbitration panels. Goldberg's substantive areas of litigation include aviation matters, commercial contract disputes, construction disputes, challenges to government user fees and rules and regulations, intellectual property disputes, and international trade matters. Prior to joining the firm, he was a Law Clerk to The Honorable Jim R. Carrigan, United States District Court for District of Colorado. Goldberg received his law degree from the University of Colorado in 1987 and received his undergraduate degree from University of Kansas in 1984.

Jonathan Hangartner, 40, is in the Intellectual Property Practice Group and based in San Diego. Hangartner represents clients in a variety of intellectual property, complex commercial litigation and international arbitration matters. He has served as lead trial and appellate counsel, successfully representing clients in litigation involving claims of patent, trademark and copyright infringement, misappropriation of trade secrets, unfair competition and antitrust violations in federal courts throughout California and in the Southern District of New York. Hangartner received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Pace University in 1994, where he served on the editorial board of the law review. He received a B.S. in Engineering Physics, *cum laude*, from Tufts University in 1987. Upon completion of his undergraduate studies, Hangartner worked as an engineer for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for four years before entering law school. After law school, he served as law clerk to United States District Judge Gerard L. Goettel in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Amar Thakur, 35, in the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group in the Del Mar Heights office, has extensive experience in corporate and intellectual property transactional matters, including acquisition and protection of intellectual property, technology transfer agreements, patent and software licensing transactions, research and development transactions, marketing, co-promotion and distribution agreements, professional services agreements, materials transfer agreements, and laboratory services agreements. He also has counseled established corporations on patent and trademark issues relevant to a focused intellectual property portfolio, and conducted intellectual property audits and analyses in furtherance of company mergers and acquisitions. Thakur received his J.D. from Arizona State University in 1995 and a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from University of Washington in 1992.

Carlo Van den Bosch, 33, is a member of the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group and based in the firm's Orange County office. Van den Bosch specializes in intellectual property litigation and transactions, with substantial expertise in high-tech, Internet, entertainment and media matters. He has extensive experience in matters of infringement and the protection of trademarks, inventions, works of authorship, and trade secrets across a variety of industries, such as e-commerce, software, television, healthcare, apparel, finance, real estate, and entertainment, among others. Prior to joining the firm, Van den Bosch held positions in both the software and motion picture industries. Van den Bosch received his JD from the University of Southern California in 1996 and a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from University of California, Los Angeles in 1993.

About Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP
Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP is a full service AmLaw 100 firm with 430 attorneys in nine offices located throughout California and in New York and Washington, D.C. The firm's California offices are located in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Century City, Orange County, Del Mar Heights and San Diego. Sheppard Mullin provides legal expertise and counsel to U.S. and international clients in a wide range of practice areas, including Antitrust, Corporate and Securities; Entertainment and Media; Finance and Bankruptcy; Government Contracts; Intellectual Property; Labor and Employment; Litigation; Real Estate/Land Use; Tax, Employee Benefits, Trusts and Estate Planning; and White Collar Defense. The firm was founded in 1927.