

### Sheppard Mullin Names San Diego Area Partners To Lead Firm's Real Estate And White Collar Crime Practices

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP is pleased to announce that Domenic Drago, managing partner of the Del Mar Heights office, has been appointed the new chair of the firm's Real Estate/Land Use & Natural Resources/Environmental Practice Group. Bob Rose, based in the San Diego office, has been named as chair of the firm's White Collar Crime/Civil Fraud Practice Group.

"We are delighted to add Domenic and Bob to the firm's strong stable of Practice Group Leaders. Domenic brings to his post wide-ranging knowledge and valuable industry expertise to oversee a preeminent practice that spans the state of California. In addition to being a former federal prosecutor, Bob has strong and varied white collar criminal defense and civil fraud litigation experience and oversees litigators on both coasts," said Guy Halgren, chairman of the firm.

Drago's practice includes a wide variety of business transactions. He has extensive experience in real property purchase and sale, leasing and finance transactions. He represents owners and developers of residential subdivisions, shopping centers, hotels and commercial and industrial office buildings. He also represents clients in stock purchase and sale transactions and matters involving the purchase and sale of business assets. Drago received his JD from University of California, Hastings in 1984 and his undergraduate degree from University of California, Los Angeles in 1981.

Rose has extensive experience in criminal defense, securities fraud, class actions and derivative suits, and business litigation before federal and state courts. As a defense attorney, he represents clients with criminal and civil exposure from governmental inquiries. He represents targets, witnesses, stock issuers, and professionals in pre filing investigations conducted by securities regulators, as well as in filed actions, and has served as counsel and a panelist in NASD arbitrations. Rose received his law degree from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1974 and received his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1971.

Sheppard Mullin's real estate attorneys are capable of delivering a full range of legal services to all sectors of the industry. The breadth of the firm's capabilities and the distribution of attorneys provide an exceptional ability to serve client needs in the real estate field. Because of the depth and breadth of experience in the representation of real property owners, developers, pension fund advisors, insurance companies, banks, asset based lenders and other financial institutions, the firm's lawyers bring practical, concrete and cost effective advice in connection with any type of issue.

Sheppard Mullin is unique among law firms practicing in the field of white collar and civil fraud. The firm has trial attorneys in every major federal district in California and Washington, D.C., as well as New York City federal courts, who served as federal prosecutors. These partners have a combined experience of over 100 jury trials involving every major investigative agency and understand government bureaucracies, how and with whom to work throughout the investigative process, as well as when to strongly advocate our client's position. The firm's counsel ranges from internal investigations, regulatory compliance, investigations and grand jury proceedings to trial and represents clients from a broad cross section of industries

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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.

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