

Sheppard Mullin Welcomes Back Jonathan Hersey, as Orange County Litigation Partner

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Jonathan Hersey has rejoined Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the Business Trial practice group, based in the firm's Orange County office. Hersey, most recently with Bingham McCutchen in Orange County, has significant experience representing computer industry, e-commerce and financial institution companies in complex commercial and intellectual property litigation matters.

"We're pleased to welcome Jon back to the firm," said Guy Halgren, firm chair. "With a practice focused on the tech and financial services sectors, Jon's experience is very complementary firmwide and an excellent addition to the litigation depth of the Orange County office."

Commented Hersey, "Sheppard Mullin is a top-notch firm and I'm happy to return. I am excited about developing my practice in Orange County and working with my colleagues throughout the firm."

Robert Beall, chair of the Business Trial practice group, said, "Jon is a talented attorney with a great deal of experience in complex commercial and IP matters. We are thrilled to have such an accomplished litigator join our busy practice group."

Hersey has extensive experience litigating and resolving disputes involving claims for breach of contract and warranty, including software development and licensing agreements, distribution and royalty contracts, joint ventures, leases and asset purchase agreements. He has handled numerous business tort cases involving claims of fraud, unfair competition, misappropriation of trade secrets, trade libel and interference with contract; as well as represented government defense and transportation contractors in bidding and claims disputes with federal and local authorities. Hersey also has considerable experience negotiating insurance coverage issues and bad faith denials of coverage, particularly with regard to business interruption and property damage.

His intellectual property litigation practice has involved several trademark opposition and infringement actions venued in federal district courts, California state courts and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. He has also helped litigate and resolve claims for software copyright indemnity and patent infringement. Hersey has substantial experience obtaining and opposing demands for prejudgment remedies, including writs of attachment, temporary protective orders and preliminary injunctions. He has conducted numerous arbitrations and mediations, and has successfully briefed and argued appeals before both the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the California Court of Appeal.

Hersey earned his law degree from University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Law in 1996 and graduated, with High Honors and Distinction in General Scholarship, from University of California, Berkeley, with a BA in 1993.

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