

Sheppard Mullin Welcomes Securities Litigator, John P. Stigi III to Los Angeles

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John P. Stigi III has joined the Los Angeles office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the Business Trial practice group. Stigi, most recently at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in San Francisco, focuses on securities class action and shareholder derivative action defense, SEC investigation defense, internal corporate investigations, and M&A and corporate governance litigation.

Guy Halgren, managing partner of the firm said, "We are delighted to have John join us. He brings a wealth of securities litigation experience, which benefits the firm and our clients. John is a terrific fit with the firm's securities litigation and public company practices."

Commented Stigi, "Sheppard Mullin is a phenomenal firm which offers an excellent platform for a securities litigation practice. I'm excited to join my new colleagues in this practice area and look forward to expanding the group while working with a wide variety of financial institutions and corporate clients."

Robert Beall, head of the firm's Business Trial practice group, stated, "John's expertise in securities litigation and counseling complements the expertise of our existing team in corporate governance, corporate finance, and M&A. His capabilities provide additional depth to our corporate/securities litigation team and our national litigation practice."

Stigi has been involved in many high-profile matters over the past several years, including the Boeing securities litigation, the VISX securities litigation, the American West Airlines securities litigation and the Delaware Chancery Court trial involving Hewlett-Packard's merger with Compaq. Prior to joining Wilson Sonsini, Stigi practiced for twelve years in New York and remains a member of the New York bar.

Stigi received his law degree in 1987 from University of Virginia School of Law, where he served as executive editor for the *Virginia Journal of International Law*. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*, in 1984 from Columbia University.

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