

Corporate Partner, Ethan Feffer, Joins Sheppard Mullin Orange County

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Ethan D. Feffer has joined the Orange County office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP. Feffer, most recently with Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman in Orange County, joins as a partner in the firm's Corporate practice group.

Feffer focuses on venture capital financings, private equity fund formation, mergers and acquisitions, 144A institutional private placements, and public offerings. He represents publicly traded and privately held companies, and investors, in a variety of industries, including financial services, real estate, life sciences, electronics and software.

Feffer has completed over \$10 billion in financings and mergers and acquisitions for clients such as Bank of America, CalPERS, Friedman, Billings, Ramsey & Co., Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Piper Jaffray, Wells Fargo, The Carlyle Group, Pequot Capital, Schroder Ventures and Versant Ventures. He has also assisted privately held companies in transactions with large public companies, including Boston Scientific, E*TRADE, Guidant, Medtronic and Novartis.

In addition to his transactional work, Feffer has extensive experience in public company reporting for NASDAQ and NYSE listed companies, including assisting them in complying with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and related stock exchange requirements. He serves as general counsel to publicly traded and privately held companies, where he advises boards of directors and handles the companies' day-to-day legal needs.

"Ethan brings to the firm a strong corporate practice and public company expertise," said Guy Halgren, chairman of the firm. "His skills and experience add considerable depth to the Orange County transactional team."

"Sheppard Mullin's Corporate practice group had a strong year in 2005," Feffer said. "I'm excited to join a successful group and look forward to growing the Orange County practice with my new colleagues."

Feffer earned his law degree from University of California, Hastings College of Law in 1992 and graduated from University of California at Berkeley, with a B.A. in 1987. In 2005, he was named one of the "Top 20 Under 40" in the *Daily Journal's* annual survey of the top lawyers in California under 40 years old. Additionally, in 2004 and 2005, Feffer was named a "Rising Star" in *Los Angeles* magazine's Super Lawyers survey, where he was listed as one of the top securities and venture finance lawyers in Southern California under the age of 40.

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