

### Sheppard Mullin Re-elects Chairman Guy Halgren

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Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP is pleased to announce that the firm's chairman of the executive committee, Guy N. Halgren, has been re-elected to a third consecutive term leading the firm. Halgren was first elected to this management role in 2001.

"Our partnership is pleased not only that Guy has been instrumental in growing the firm in terms of numbers, but he has also expanded our core competencies while preserving Sheppard Mullin's tradition as a great place to work," said Joe Coyne, chair of the firm's growth committee and member of the executive committee. "We expect Guy to continue this approach in his next term."

Sheppard Mullin has experienced significant growth in the past six years. The number of attorneys is approaching 500, which is more than 40% greater than the firm's attorney headcount in 2001. During the same time period the firm has geographically grown from a California firm, to a national firm with locations in New York and Washington, D.C., to an international firm this year with an office in Shanghai.

Comparing 2001 to 2006, gross revenue has climbed from \$149 million to \$305 million. Practice area growth has occurred in a number of ways, including the establishment of an institutional entertainment and media practice in 2003, the significant growth of the firm's Intellectual Property practice group in recent years and the strengthening of signature practices: Antitrust, Corporate, Finance & Bankruptcy, Government Contracts, Labor & Employment, Litigation and Labor & Employment.

Additionally, Sheppard Mullin's administrative partner and Business Trial practice group leader, Robert Beall, has been elected to the firm's executive committee for a three-year term. Partner Joan Story has been reelected to the executive committee for a three-year term. Beall is based in the firm's Orange County office. Story, a Real Estate partner, is based in the San Francisco office.

#### **About Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP**

Sheppard Mullin is a full service AmLaw 100 firm with 490 attorneys in 10 offices located throughout California and in New York, Washington, D.C. and Shanghai. The firm's California offices are located in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Century City, Orange County, Del Mar Heights and San Diego. Founded in 1927 on the principle that the firm would succeed only if its attorneys delivered prompt, high quality and cost-effective legal services, Sheppard Mullin provides legal counsel to U.S. and international clients. Companies turn to Sheppard Mullin to handle a full range of corporate and technology matters, high stakes litigation and complex financial transactions. In the U.S., the firm's clients include more than half of the Fortune 100 companies.