

Entertainment Litigation Partner James E. Curry Joins Sheppard Mullin Century City

Industry Veteran Expands Firm's Hollywood Studio Expertise

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James E. Curry has joined the Century City office of Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP as partner in the firm's Entertainment and Media group. Curry most recently practiced as a founding partner with White O'Connor Curry LLP in Century City.

Curry is an experienced trial attorney who specializes in complex business lawsuits on behalf of entertainment clients, primarily studios and networks. He has litigated and tried a wide variety of entertainment matters, with particular expertise in accounting cases.

Curry's experience also includes a variety of entertainment matters including First Amendment (defamation, disparagement and invasion of privacy claims), insurance coverage and bad faith, media-related torts, real estate, copyright, trademark, antitrust, securities, class actions and other complicated commercial disputes.

Curry's clients have included CBS, Disney, Paramount Viacom, Showtime, Fox, ABC, Warner Brothers, Universal Studios, MGM, Studios USA, Saban Entertainment, Mary Tyler Moore Enterprises, International Family Channel, Infinity Broadcasting and Westwood One.

"Jim will be a tremendous asset to the firm and to our entertainment clients. His arrival further bolsters our position as the preeminent law firm representing institutional entertainment clients," said Guy Halgren, chairman of the firm.

"Jim is well known and well respected in the community and we are looking forward to working closely together. He will help us continue to expand our platform as a full service entertainment firm, capable of anticipating client issues and needs of the future," said Marty Katz, leader of the firm's entertainment litigation practice. Katz recently received the 2008 *California Lawyer* Attorney of the Year (CLAY) award for Entertainment.

Commented Curry, "Sheppard Mullin's growth, success, and its reputation as a 'go-to' firm for entertainment and media clients is very impressive. I am excited to join the 50-plus attorney team focused on representing global entertainment clients."

Curry earned a J.D. from University of Chicago in 1984 and received an undergraduate degree from Stanford University in 1981. He has regularly been recognized as one of "The Best Lawyers in America."

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