

### Litigation Partner Rob Friedman Joins Sheppard Mullin New York

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Robert S. Friedman has joined the New York office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the firm's Business Trial practice group and will serve as head of the firm's litigation practice in New York. Friedman most recently was a Partner at Kelly Drye & Warren LLP in New York.

Friedman focuses his practice on commercial litigation matters with particular expertise in the areas of securities litigation, internal investigations, bankruptcy litigation, trade secrets and intellectual property. Prior to private practice, Friedman was a senior trial attorney in the Homicide Bureau of the King's County, N.Y., District Attorney's Office, where he tried sixteen murder cases to verdict.

Friedman regularly represents financial institutions, technology companies, internet marketers and litigation trustees in significant business disputes. His recent significant representative matters include the following: defended a Fortune 500 company in a federal jury trial involving copyright infringement and unfair competition claims (the case settled favorably during cross-examination of plaintiff's second witness), defeated a corporate raiding claim on behalf of a start-up computer networking company, obtained control of millions of dollars in art collateral on behalf of a credit opportunity fund after evidentiary hearing, defended a major publisher and direct marketer in a breach of contract jury trial in the New York State Supreme Court, and obtained significant recoveries for creditors in several pre and post-confirmation adversary proceedings.

"Rob is an experienced commercial litigator whose practice spans a range of areas, including securities, IP and bankruptcy. He is comfortable in the courtroom, having tried more than 50 cases. Litigation is one of our cornerstone practices in New York and Rob's energy and desire to grow it in New York dovetails well with our strategic plans for the office and the firm," said Guy Halgren, chairman of the firm.

"I am thrilled to be joining Sheppard Mullin, a highly respected firm with an impressive New York office. I was attracted by the firm's entrepreneurial spirit and the quality of the people. It's great to be practicing again with my friend and former colleague Jon Stoler. I look forward to growing the New York litigation practice alongside him and the other great attorneys in the office," Friedman said.

Friedman received a J.D., *cum laude*, from Boston University Law School in 1989 and a B.A., *cum laude*, from Tufts University in 1986. In 2008, he received the Burton Award for Legal Achievement, one of the highest literary honors in law.

Sheppard Mullin has more than 40 attorneys based in its New York office and the firm's Business Trial practice group includes 200 attorneys firmwide.

Also today, Jerold B. Neuman and Michael J. Kiely have joined the Los Angeles/Downtown office of Sheppard Mullin as partners in the firm's Real Estate, Land Use and Environmental practice group. Neuman and Kiely will be joined by a team of three associates: Alfred Fraijo, Jr., Claudia Gutiérrez and Phillip M. Tate. The group most recently practiced together with Allen Matkins in Los Angeles, where Neuman chaired the firm's Land Use and Government Relations practice group.

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