

### Sheppard Mullin Re-Elects Chairman Guy Halgren To Fourth Term

#### Management's Success Tied to Strategic Expansion and Fostering Entrepreneurial Culture

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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 fourth consecutive, three-year term leading the firm. Halgren was first elected to this management role in 2001. Halgren is the first Sheppard Mullin chairman to hold this position for four terms.

"Our partnership is very fortunate to have Guy at the helm for another term. He's smart, fair and forward-thinking," said Benjamin R. Mulcahy, New York-based partner and member of the executive committee. "Guy has been instrumental in growing the firm in terms of size, locations, and practice areas, while preserving Sheppard Mullin's tradition of collegiality and entrepreneurship."

Sheppard Mullin has experienced significant growth in the past nine years. The number of attorneys is now more than 500, which is more than 70% 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 with an office in Shanghai. The firm currently has a total of eleven offices, having significantly expanded from four locations in 2001.

Comparing 2001 to 2009, gross revenue has climbed from \$149 million to \$361 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, Real Estate/Land Use and Tax.

Additionally, Sheppard Mullin's Business Trial practice group co-chair, Robert S. Beall, has been re-elected as the firm's managing partner for another three-year term. He has held this firm management position since 2005. Beall, based in the firm's Orange County office, has also been re-elected to the firm's executive committee for another three-year term.

"I'm very pleased that Robert has agreed to serve as the firm's managing partner for another term. Our talents complement each other. The firm could not have made the tremendous progress it has without Robert's contributions," Halgren commented.

Partner Judy V. Davidoff has been elected to the executive committee for a three-year term. Davidoff, based in the San Francisco office, has served as Real Estate/Land Use practice group co-chair and also as one of the firm's alternative fee czars.

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

Sheppard Mullin is a full service AmLaw 100 firm with 550 attorneys in 11 offices located in the United States and Asia. Since 1927, companies have turned to Sheppard Mullin to handle 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.

## **Attorneys**

Guy N. Halgren