

Sheppard Mullin Gains Prominent Litigator, David R. Garcia

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP

announced that **David R. Garcia has joined the firm as partner in the Antitrust & Trade Regulations Practice Group** in the **Los Angeles** office as of December 9, 2002. Mr. Garcia, who joins the firm from O'Melveny & Myers, where he practiced since 1990, brings with him **superior expertise in antitrust, securities and entertainment law.**

Gary Halling, chair of the Antitrust & Trade Regulations Practice Group in San Francisco, said, "We're thrilled to welcome David aboard. He brings to Sheppard Mullin an **outstanding national reputation and enhances our expertise in securities and antitrust litigation.** David's experience **with representing clients before the Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as in investigations by the Federal Trade Commission and the antitrust division of the U.S. Department of Justice** strengthens our existing securities and antitrust proficiencies."

Offered Mr. Garcia, "I am very enthusiastic about joining Sheppard Mullin. This is a top-notch firm with a renown antitrust practice and distinguished litigators. **With a roster that includes the 2002 Antitrust Lawyer of the Year, a former senior trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice antitrust division and a thriving antitrust practice for top-tier companies in leading business segments, I am joining a first-rate team.**"

Mr. Garcia has **broad experience in complex business and federal civil litigation.** His **comprehensive antitrust experience** includes **private litigation, client counseling in mergers and acquisitions and the representation of clients in civil and criminal investigations by the Federal Trade Commission and the antitrust division of the U.S. Department of Justice.** Mr. Garcia's wide ranging antitrust litigation background includes significant matters involving **monopolization, group boycotts, price fixing conspiracies, state action immunity, contested mergers and trade associations.** Clients have included a major motion picture studio and its home video divisions, a motion picture trade association, a leading California public utility, a well known cable company, and large industrial companies.

Mr. Garcia's **extensive securities experience,** which began in New York, includes **class action defense, derivative litigation defense on behalf of both companies and individuals, litigation arising out of mergers and acquisitions, and internal corporate investigations.** He has also **represented companies and individuals before the Securities and Exchange Commission.** Clients have included investment banks, securities trading firms, banks, independent directors of a savings and loan institution, a large credit corporation, airline companies, special committees, and others.

Mr. Garcia received his **law degree from Georgetown Law School in 1979,** and his **undergraduate degree, cum laude, from Harvard University in 1976.** He is a **member of the California, New York, Washington D.C. and Florida Bars.** Mr. Garcia is involved in various Georgetown and Harvard alumni associations.

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has more than **330 attorneys** among its **seven offices** in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Orange County, San Diego, Santa Barbara, West Los Angeles, and Del Mar Heights. The **full-service firm** provides counsel in Antitrust & Trade Regulation; White Collar and Civil Fraud Defense; Business Litigation; Construction, Environmental, Real Estate, Land Use Litigation & Natural Resources; Corporate; Finance & Bankruptcy; Financial Institutions; Government Contracts & Regulated Industries; Healthcare; Intellectual Property; Labor & Employment; and Tax, Employee Benefits, Trusts & Estates. **The firm is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2002.**

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