

Former LA Planning Commissioner Joins Sheppard Mullin in Los Angeles

Robert Ahn Brings In-depth Local Experience to Firm's National Practice

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP is pleased to announce that Robert Ahn has joined the firm's Real Estate, Land Use and Environmental Practice Group as a Special Counsel in the firm's Los Angeles office. A former Planning Commissioner for the City of Los Angeles (2013-2017), Ahn's practice focuses on land use matters and commercial real estate transactions. He advises investors and developers on a variety of land use projects, providing unique insights and strategic advice with regard to entitlements across all asset types. He has represented clients on a wide variety of real estate transactions, including acquisitions and dispositions, financing, commercial leasing, joint venture transactions and entity formation and structuring.

Commenting on Ahn's addition, real estate partner Alfred Fraijo Jr. said, "Robert brings some fantastic experience to our group. His intimate understanding and knowledge of the Los Angeles real estate world is a perfect fit with to our existing capabilities. His experience in private practice combined with his work on the Los Angeles Planning Commission makes him uniquely positioned to help clients navigate the complexities and challenges of real estate development projects in the Los Angeles area."

A native Angeleno, Ahn is active both civically and politically in Los Angeles and currently serves as the President of the Cannabis Regulation Commission for the City of Los Angeles, as an appointee of Mayor Eric Garcetti. In 2017, Ahn was a candidate for the United States Congress, 34th District, in a special election to fill the seat vacated by Xavier Becerra, advancing to the General Election with a top 2 finish out of 23 candidates in the Primary Election. He received his B.B.A. from Emory University (Dean's List) and his J.D. from the University of Southern California Law School (Hale Moot Court Honors Program).

About Sheppard Mullin's Real Estate and Land Use Practice With more than 120 attorneys, Sheppard Mullin has one of the largest, most diverse and experienced real estate and land use practices of any AmLaw 100 firm. We represent builders, developers, investors, lenders, owners, retailers, major landowners, nonprofits and local agencies in key markets in the United States and internationally. We leverage the breadth of our experience, industry connections and market knowledge to deliver full-service counsel and holistic solutions to meet our clients' needs. Our attorneys work as a seamless team with a single goal – to help clients create value in an ever-changing environment.

Practice Areas

Real Estate, Energy, Land Use & Environmental