

Andrew Guilford Appointed President Of Public Law Center's Board of Directors

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP announced that Andrew Guilford has been appointed President of the Public Law Center's Board of Directors, succeeding Philip Kohn. The Public Law Center (PLC) is Orange County's pro bono, public interest law firm. For over 20 years, PLC has been devoted to achieving the goal of equal justice under law for Orange County's poor and under-represented.

Guilford, past president of the State Bar of California and partner in the Business Trial Practice Group in Costa Mesa, was previously honored by the Anti-Defamation League for his contributions to improving indigent access to the legal system. He has also been named three times by the *Daily Journal* as one of California's 100 Most Influential Attorneys.

"PLC has made a tremendous difference in the lives of thousands of indigent families and individuals needing pro bono legal assistance. I look forward to serving as President of the Board of Directors and to building on the wonderful progress we have made under the leadership of Phil Kohn." He added, "I am fortunate to be at a firm which realizes the importance of and stalwartly supports pro bono participation."

Guilford, who has handled cases involving a wide variety of business matters, including technology, professional liability, real estate, finance and unfair competition, was also elected to the American College of Trial Lawyers. Fellowship in the College is by invitation, extended only after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers who have demonstrated exceptional skill as advocates and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, civility and professionalism. More recently, he was selected as Business Litigation Trial Attorney of the Year by the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association. Guilford has served as President of both the Orange County Bar Association and the Association of Business Trial Lawyers.

Sheppard Mullin has more than **400 attorneys** among its **eight offices** in Orange County , San Diego , Del Mar Heights, Los Angeles , West Los Angeles , Santa Barbara , San Francisco and Washington , D.C. The **full-service firm** provides counsel in Antitrust and Trade Regulation; Business Litigation; Construction, Environmental, Real Estate and Land Use Litigation; Corporate; Entertainment and Media; Finance and Bankruptcy; Financial Institutions; Government Contracts and Regulated Industries; Healthcare; Intellectual Property; International; Labor and Employment; Real Estate, Land Use, Natural Resources and Environment; Tax, Employee Benefits, Trusts and Estates; and White Collar and Civil Fraud Defense. The Firm celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2002.

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