

Sheppard Mullin Further Expands Corporate Practice

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP has announced the addition of three associates to the firm's Corporate Practice Group. Stephen R. LaSala, Steffani M. Stevens and Robert L. Wernli will be based in the firm's San Diego and Del Mar Heights offices.

These additions come on the heels of two significant partners joining the firm's Corporate Practice Group in San Diego: John Tishler, based in the San Diego office and John J. Hentrich, based in the Del Mar Heights office. The firm's San Diego offices have added a total of five new Corporate Practice attorneys that have an expertise in securities and technology in the last month.

LaSala specializes in general business matters and securities law, with an emphasis on capital raising transactions and the buying and selling of companies. Stevens focuses on corporate finance, securities compliance, internet and e-commerce law, and the formation and restructuring of business entities. Wernli specializes in business transactions, debt and equity financings, securities law compliance, and mergers and acquisitions.

Robert Sbardellati, administrative partner of the San Diego office, commented, "We are delighted to welcome the new corporate team members to the firm, as the expanded team will give us greater capacity to provide complex business counsel to clients." Domenic Drago, administrative partner of the Del Mar Heights office, added, "We are excited at the prospect of continued growth in the San Diego and Del Mar offices throughout 2004 and beyond and the new group provides specialized skills that enhance our capabilities."

"The new attorneys, along with Hentrich and Tishler, add strength and depth to our practice group in the San Diego offices, given their tremendous cumulative knowledge and experience. We look forward to their contributions to a solid practice group that continues to expand to meet client needs," stated Larry Braun, chair of the Corporate Practice Group.

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