

### Sheppard Mullin Adds Life Sciences Attorneys to Del Mar Heights Office

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP is pleased to announce that Jon Maki and Carrie Hellwig are joining the firm's Del Mar Heights office. Both attorneys specialize in the life sciences industry and join as members of the Intellectual Property practice group.

Maki's practice focuses on patent and other intellectual property litigation primarily in the biotech industry. He also has experience assisting start-up and established companies with patent prosecution and IP portfolio strategic planning.

Hellwig's practice includes general business and corporate representation of life science and information technology companies. She has represented both privately-held and public companies in a wide range of financing transactions and technology transactions such as intellectual property licensing, corporate partnering, sponsored research and clinical research agreements and supply, distribution and manufacturing matters.

Domenic Drago, managing partner of the Del Mar Heights office, commented, "Jon and Carrie will give us greater capacity in the growing area of biotechnology, since they respectively bring strong industry experience in litigation and transactional matters. As life sciences and related industries continue to flourish in San Diego, we have expanded our stable of experienced intellectual property lawyers with the capability to provide a more complete range of legal services to emerging growth business clients."

Maki received a J.D. from University of Wisconsin Law School in 1998. He completed a master's degree in plant biology at University of California, Davis in 1994 and a bachelor's degree in biology in 1992. Hellwig received a J.D. from University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 2001. She completed a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in both English and Women's Studies at University of California, Los Angeles in 1997, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

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