

Top Attorneys 2008



Robert Gerber

Sheppard, Mullin,
Richter &
Hampton LLP



Education

Law School/Year:

Harvard Law
School, 1988

Other Graduate
School/Year:

Master of Public Policy,
University of Michigan, 1985

College/Year: University of Michigan,
1984

Bar Admissions

California, 1988; U.S. District Court,
Southern, Central and Northern Districts
of California

Practice Areas

Business Litigation; Intellectual
Property; Legal Malpractice; Patent,
Trademark & Copyright

Major Cases

I have worked on a number of major
cases for Taylor Made Golf Co.,
including trade secret cases, patent and
invention cases and false advertising

Margaret Mann

Sheppard, Mullin,
Richter &
Hampton LLP



Education

Law School/Year:

University of
Southern
California, 1981

College/Year:
University of Illinois, 1978

Bar Admissions

California

Practice Areas

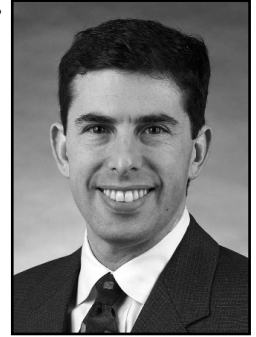
Bankruptcy, Business Litigation,
Commercial, Real Estate

Major Cases

I have represented: The debtor in the
San Diego Symphony bankruptcy; a
creditor in the San Diego Diocese bank-
ruptcy; parties in major subprime
mortgage bankruptcies (Own it, People's
Choice, New Century, American
Mortgage, Aegis, ect.); most of the
savings and loan associations resident in
San Diego in the 1980s; clients in inter-
national life science transactions and

John D. Tishler

Sheppard, Mullin,
Richter &
Hampton LLP



Education

Law School/Year:

J.D., Yale Law
School, 1992

College/Year:
B.A., Cornell

University, 1989

Bar Admissions

California

Practice Areas

Corporate Business, Technology

Major Cases

Represents Northrop Grumman Corp.
for corporate governance and public
reporting. Represented RF Magic Inc. in
merger with Entropic Communications
Inc. Represented Nasdaq company in
voluntary review of historical stock
option and stock grants involving
restatement of financials. Represents
NYSE company for equity and cash-
based executive compensation programs.
Represented SiliconSystems Inc. in

Tishler continued

Series C Preferred Stock Financing by Samsung Ventures. Represented American Technology Corp. in \$9.5 million PIPE. Represented Open Energy Corp. in \$15 million PIPE. Represented Carolina Precision Plastics LLC in acquisition of Augros Inc. Represented NYSE company for new CEO employment agreement. Represented SpaceDev Inc. in \$34 million acquisition of Starsys Inc.

Professional Background

John Tishler regularly advises emerging and established clients on formations and restructurings, angel and venture capital, PIPE transactions, corporate governance, strategic partnerships, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions and securities compliance. Tishler also advises on executive compensation, broad-based equity compensation programs and executive wealth diversification strategies.

Professional Affiliations

Tishler is an adjunct professor at the University of San Diego School of Law, teaching advanced deal structures and regularly lecturing on corporate law, strategic partnering and executive compensation. He is also a member of the American Bar Association.

Mann continued

technology cases including Magis Networks, Next Wave and Gryphon Therapeutics cases; clients in nearly all of the San Diego ponzi scheme cases including Pinn Fund, Dominelli, Pioneer Mortgage, Coastal Equities and CMC cases.

Professional Background

I majored in finance at the University of Illinois at Champaign, and then received my law degree from USC. I spent most of my legal career as a partner at Luce Forward Hamilton & Scripps, where I served on the executive committee and chaired the commercial and insolvency practice group. I also served as chair of that practice group at Heller Erhman LLP, where I was a shareholder and also the national hiring chair. I am currently a shareholder at Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton.

Professional Affiliations

I am an American College of Bankruptcy Fellow and am listed in Best Lawyers in America, Southern California Super Lawyers and San Diego Top Lawyers. I co-chair the Lawyers Representatives for the Southern District. I have chaired the boards of San Diego Bankruptcy Forum and Sunset View Foundation, and have served as director for Lawyers Club, Athena, California Women Lawyers, San Diego Center for Children and ABTL.

I received the State Bar Wiley Manuel pro bono award five times, and the Outstanding Service Award from San Diego Volunteer Lawyers Program. I am a Court Appointed Special Advocate for foster children.

Personal Background

I am married to Michael O'Halloran and am the mother of Luke (21) and Sean (18). For fun, I love chocolate, wine, skiing, biking and bad comedies.

Gerber continued

cases. I also won a ground-breaking Ninth Circuit decision in a pro bono case, *Hernandez-Montiel v. INS*, 225 F.3d 1084 (9th Cir. 2000). The case established that persecution on the basis of "sexual identity" was sufficient to establish grounds for prohibiting deportation in immigration asylum cases. The case was cited in the recent gay marriage cases decided by the California Supreme Court.

Professional Background

I clerked from 1988-89 for the Hon. Rudi M. Brewster (Ret.). I then began my work with Sheppard Mullin, where I became a partner in 1997 and have continued my practice since that time. Among other administrative positions I have held, I am chair of the Pro Bono Committee of the entire firm.

Professional Affiliations

I am the incoming president of the J. Clifford Wallace Inn of Court and a master in both that inn and the Louis M. Welsh Inn of Court. I am an adviser to and former chair of the Legal Ethics Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association. I am a former member of the Judicial Nominations Evaluation Committee of the State Bar, as well as a former chair of the Litigation Section of the state bar.

Personal Background

I grew up in Michigan, and am an avid University of Michigan sports fan. I am married to Michelle Gerber and we have four children, Alex, Taylor, Paige and Alyssa.