

## Sheppard Mullin Boosts Chicago Office With IP Partner

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Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP has strengthened its intellectual property group in its Chicago office with the addition of a former Brinks Gilson & Lione attorney who has extensive experience in IP litigation, post-grant proceedings and patent prosecution.

Manish K. Mehta, who founded and chaired the Indian practice group at Brinks Gilson, joined the firm as a partner on Friday. He told Law360 on Tuesday that he was attracted to Sheppard Mullin's stellar legal reputation, its entrepreneurial spirit, its focus on the Indian market and its collegial culture.

"Also, I am excited to contribute to Sheppard's strategic vision to grow its Chicago office and its legal capabilities," Mehta said.

He will focus his practice on IP law, including patent litigation, post-grant proceedings and prosecution, with a geographic concentration on the U.S. and India. Most of his clients, Mehta said, will come from the pharmaceuticals, medical devices, consumer electronics and software industries.

Mehta's significant litigation experience encompasses all aspects of the discovery process, including defending and taking key depositions, witness preparation of senior level executives, participating in the claim construction process, preparing expert reports and all phases of pretrial preparation. His experience on the transactional side includes prosecuting patent applications and rendering freedom to operate opinions in the mechanical and electromechanical fields.

The firm noted that Mehta has a keen interest and concentration in aiding Indian companies in IP matters in the U.S., adding that he is actively engaged in educating and formulating IP strategies for his foreign clients.

Mehta earned his law degree from John Marshall Law School and his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois.

"Manish joins Sheppard Mullin as part of our ongoing strategic goal to expand our intellectual property practice in Chicago and firmwide," Daniel N. Yannuzzi, co-chair of Sheppard Mullin's IP practice group, said in a statement. "He is an accomplished IP attorney and the latest key lateral partner to join our



Manish Mehta

practice group.”

Last month, the firm brought on former Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP attorney William R. Lambert, who has a broad technical background and serves clients in the life sciences, technology and telecommunications industries. He focuses his practice on patent prosecution and client counseling.

Sheppard Mullin has 700 attorneys in 15 offices throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia.

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