

New Lateral Partner Offers International Experience

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The law firm of **Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP** announced today that **Jerry Gumpel** has joined the firm's **San Diego** office as a lateral partner. He will practice in the **Corporate and Securities Department**, effective immediately.

Gumpel comes to Sheppard Mullin from the San Diego office of Zevnik, Horton, Guibord, McGovern, Palmer & Fognani, where he had been a partner. Gumpel brings with him an established **International Corporate and Real Estate law practice**, including significant experience with complex corporate, real estate and international business transactions.

Gumpel's practice emphasizes international business transactions. Representative matters include his role as outside general counsel to a telecommunications courier with operations throughout the NAFTA area, the Caribbean and Central America. Gumpel has significant expertise in cross-border and multinational corporate transactions, international tax planning, broadband and wireless telecommunications. Gumpel also represents foreign real estate developers, manufacturers and financial institutions with U.S. operations, as well as foreign clients who access U.S. technology, know-how and capital sources. His domestic clients include automobile dealerships and a national healthcare organization.

"I was particularly attracted by the depth and breadth of Sheppard Mullin's corporate, real estate and financial institution departments," **Gumpel said**. "It is a firm that has adapted well to serving new economy clients while still meeting the needs of old economy clients. Sheppard Mullin offers my clients, both foreign and domestic, one-stop shopping for their legal needs."

Gumpel is fluent in Spanish and German. He is former Chair of the Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League and currently is a National Commissioner. He graduated cum laude from the University of Chicago School of Law after earning Masters of Arts and Masters of Law and Diplomacy degrees from **Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy** at Tufts University. He earned his undergraduate degree at the **University of California San Diego**, from which he graduated with highest honors.

Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP is the eleventh-largest law firm in California with more than 300 attorneys in four offices in San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Orange County. Sheppard Mullin is a full-service firm specializing in corporate and securities, banking and finance, labor and employment, litigation and antitrust, intellectual property, tax and estate planning, and real estate. Sheppard Mullin's San Diego office has been named "**San Diego's Pro Bono Firm of the Year**" by the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program four times in the last 10 years.