

### Robert Rose Joins Business Crimes Practice in San Diego

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The law firm of **Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP** announced today that **Robert Rose** has joined the firm as a lateral partner, effective immediately. Rose will work in the **Business Crimes Practice Group** in the firm's San Diego office.

Rose comes to Sheppard Mullin after operating **Rose & Associates**, a boutique San Diego law firm that opened in February 2000. He is a seasoned trial lawyer with extensive jury trial experience. Accomplished in the areas of securities and white collar crime litigation, Rose's practice is centered upon advising clients in resolution of criminal allegations as well as counseling clients on how to avoid criminal conduct altogether.

"The opportunities to practice my specialty have multiplied many times by joining Sheppard Mullin," **Rose said**. "I could not have asked for a friendlier introduction or an easier transition— from a two-attorney boutique to one of the state's best law firms. This was the right move at the right time."

Before opening his own firm, Rose was a partner with **Lorenz, Alhadeff, Cannon & Rose** (the firm became Alhadeff, Cannon, Rose, Solar & Parks when James Lorenz became a federal judge in late-1999). Rose spent 10 years with the 25-attorney firm, which had offices in San Diego, Temecula, Los Angeles and Lafayette, California. He also served as Chair of the firm's Litigation Department.

Rose began his legal career as a Special Attorney with the **United States Department of Justice**, working in the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section in Washington D.C. and the Strike Force in Chicago. He subsequently worked as **Assistant United States District Attorney** for the Southern District of California, where he was Criminal Division Chief from 1983-1984 and Fraud Section Chief from 1984-1986. He moved into the private sector in March 1986 when he joined **Duckor and Spradling**, and was a partner with the 25-attorney San Diego firm until leaving in February 1990 for what would become **Lorenz, Alhadeff, Cannon & Rose**.

"We are thrilled to add Bob's vast trial experience and exceptional reputation among the bench and bar to our strong litigation practice in San Diego," **commented Guy Halgren, Chair of Sheppard Mullin's Executive Committee**. "Bob fits right in with Sheppard Mullin's long tradition of exceptional trial lawyers."

Rose was selected Outstanding Trial Lawyer by the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego in 1998. He was also recognized with the **Special Achievement Award** by the Justice Department in 1985. He was Co-Chair of the Litigation Section of Commercial Law Affiliates from 1999-2000 and a member of the Board of Governors for the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers from 1996-1999. He earned both his undergraduate and law degrees at UCLA. He was also recognized with the by the Justice Department in 1985. He was Co-Chair of the Litigation Section of Commercial Law Affiliates from 1999-2000 and a member of the Board of Governors for the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers from 1996-1999. He earned both his undergraduate and law

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Sheppard Mullin has more than 300 attorneys among its seven offices in Los Angeles, West Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, San Diego, Del Mar Heights, and Orange County. The full-service firm specializes in corporate and securities, banking and finance, labor and employment, litigation and antitrust, land use and real estate, intellectual property, and tax and estate planning. **The firm will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2002.**