

## Finance Partner, Richard Pugh, Rejoins Sheppard Mullin In Los Angeles

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Richard Pugh has returned to Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the Finance & Bankruptcy practice group and will be based in the firm's Century City office. Pugh, most recently with Paul Hastings in Los Angeles, has significant experience representing lenders and corporate borrowers in a variety of debt financing transactions, including syndicated senior credit facilities, mezzanine financing, acquisition financing, debtor-in-possession financing, Chapter 11 exit financing, and letter of credit facilities, with a particular emphasis on asset-based financial transactions and substantive expertise in UCC Article 9 and general corporate law.

"We are thrilled to have Rich back at Sheppard Mullin. He began his law career with us and it is wonderful to have him back home now," said Guy Halgren, firm chair. "Rich has always been well-respected for the quality of his work and for being a practical attorney. His broad-based, transactional practice is a perfect fit with the firm's core finance practice."

Commented Pugh, "It is a great pleasure to return to Sheppard Mullin. I am excited about practicing again with this top-notch firm and look forward to working with the lawyers in the Finance & Bankruptcy practice group to provide the highest quality service to the firm's clients."

Alan Martin, chair of the Finance & Bankruptcy Practice Group, said, "Rich brings both private practice and in-house experience with him. We're excited to have an accomplished attorney such as Rich join the practice group. His addition provides further depth firmwide and in Los Angeles."

Pugh earned his law degree from Columbia Law School in 1985 and a BA from Dartmouth College in 1979.

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