

### Sheppard Mullin Welcomes California Technology Ventures

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The third CCVF lecture event of 2002 will feature **Alex Suh, Managing Director of California Technology Ventures**. Suh will speak on "New Venture Capital Investment Strategies". This breakfast event will be held **Friday, April 12 from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. at Fess Parker's Doubletree Hotel in Santa Barbara**.

Suh will be welcomed to the event and introduced by **Jim Haslem of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP**. The event is hosted by the **Central Coast Venture Forum** ( [www.ccvf.org](http://www.ccvf.org) ). Sheppard Mullin is the senior founding sponsor of CCVF.

The cost for the lecture event is \$20 per person and registration is available online at [www.ccvf.org/rsvp/](http://www.ccvf.org/rsvp/) or by calling Jim Haslem at (805) 879-1814.

#### 2002 CCVF ANNUAL INVESTOR CONFERENCE

**CCVF** will hold its sixth annual investor conference on **June 14, 2002**. The conference is the largest of its kind on California's Central Coast, a technology corridor encompassing northern Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties. The event showcases the region's leading entrepreneurs and emerging-growth companies to venture capitalists and angel investors. This year's annual conference will occur **June 14 at Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort in Santa Barbara**. An invitation is required for attendance at the annual conference. For information, visit [www.ccvf.org](http://www.ccvf.org).

#### CCVF LECTURE SERIES

The second CCVF lecture event of 2002 featured **Ken Deemer, Chairman of Tech Coast Angels**. The event, which occurred March 12, 2002 in Westlake Village, drew an audience in excess of 100 persons including investors and entrepreneurs from Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. Mr. Deemer's presentation can be viewed at [www.techcoastangels.com](http://www.techcoastangels.com).

**Oracle CFO Jeff Henley** presented on January 25, 2002 in Santa Barbara at the first CCVF lecture event of 2002.

#### ABOUT CCVF

CCVF was founded in 1996 by a group of 100 local business executives who wanted to encourage and support the formation and rapid growth of new fast-track companies located on the Central Coast. To date, CCVF has reviewed the business plans of more than 500 private companies, and helped a number of these new ventures raise **over \$100 million** in new capital from professional investors. by a group of 100 local business executives who wanted to encourage and support the formation and rapid growth of new fast-track companies located on the Central Coast. To date, CCVF has reviewed the business plans of more than 500 private companies, and

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One of the original founders of CCVF, **Joseph Nida** is now a partner of Sheppard Mullin. Sheppard Mullin continues the traditional support and sponsorship of CCVF which Nida and his law firm, Nida & Maloney, LLP began in 1996. Nida & Maloney, LLP became part of Sheppard Mullin in September 2001.

Sheppard Mullin has more than **330 attorneys** among its **seven offices** in Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, West Los Angeles, San Diego, Del Mar Heights, Orange County, and San Francisco. The **full-service firm** provides counsel in Corporate, Trial Practice, Finance, Bankruptcy, Labor and Employment, Intellectual Property, Real Estate, Environmental, Construction, Tax, Employee Benefits, Trusts & Estates, Antitrust & Trade Regulation, Government Contracts, and Business Crimes. **The firm is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2002.** has more than among its in Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, West Los Angeles, San Diego, Del Mar Heights, Orange County, and San Francisco. The provides counsel in Corporate, Trial Practice, Finance, Bankruptcy, Labor and Employment, Intellectual Property, Real Estate, Environmental, Construction, Tax, Employee Benefits, Trusts & Estates, Antitrust & Trade Regulation, Government Contracts, and Business Crimes. .