

### Sheppard Mullin Intellectual Property Practice Continues Expansion In Del Mar Heights

08.10.2006

Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP is pleased to announce that Daniel N. Yannuzzi has joined the firm's Del Mar Heights office. Most recently with Morrison & Foerster in San Diego, Yannuzzi joins as a member of the Intellectual Property practice group.

Yannuzzi has experience in all areas of intellectual property law with an emphasis in patent litigation, licensing and transactional matters, and portfolio development. He provides counsel to clients in a wide range of high technology fields, including computer architecture, electronic circuits, optics, data coding, medical devices, business methods, semiconductor processes, wireless communications, network technologies, computer graphics and computer software.

Guy Halgren, chairman of the firm, commented, "We are very pleased to welcome Dan to the Del Mar Heights office. He is an excellent fit with the office's successful, fast-growing IP group in Del Mar, which has expanded from one to ten attorneys in two years."

Gary Clark, chair of the firm's Intellectual Property practice group, commented, "Dan is a great addition to the firm's IP group, which now includes over forty attorneys. He brings an extensive background in technology-related IP, from both private practice and in-house experience."

Yannuzzi is the latest addition to the firm's burgeoning San Diego IP practice. Last month, Michael Eisenberg joined the Del Mar Heights office from Fulwider Patton in Los Angeles. Also of related note, IP partner Amar Thakur was recently named a "Top San Diego County Attorney/IP Litigation" by *The Daily Transcript*.

Previously, Yannuzzi served as Vice President of Worldwide Legal Affairs and Assistant Corporate Secretary to Skyworks Solutions, Inc., and as Vice President and Chief Intellectual Property Counsel for Conexant Systems, Inc. Additionally, he has served as primary outside patent counsel to numerous electronics, software, telecommunications and medical device companies. Yannuzzi received a J.D. from University of Maryland School of Law in 1993, a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1986 and a bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware in 1982.

#### **About Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP**

Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP is a full service AmLaw 100 firm with more than 480 attorneys in nine offices located throughout California and in New York and Washington, D.C. The firm's California offices are located in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Century City, Orange County, Del Mar Heights and San Diego. Sheppard Mullin provides legal expertise and counsel to U.S. and international clients in a wide range of practice areas, including Antitrust, Corporate and Securities; Entertainment, Media and Communications; Finance and Bankruptcy; Government Contracts; Intellectual Property; Labor and Employment; Litigation; Real Estate/Land Use; Tax/Employee Benefits/Trusts & Estates; and White Collar Defense. The firm was founded in 1927.

