

Intellectual Property Litigator Shawn McDonald Joins Sheppard Mullin Del Mar Heights

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Shawn E. McDonald has joined the Del Mar Heights office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as special counsel in the firm's Intellectual Property practice group. McDonald joins from the San Diego office of Latham & Watkins.

McDonald has significant trial experience as counsel in patent litigations at district court and appellate stages. His practice concerns diverse technologies and has included matters involving automotive fuel systems, electronic power converters, semiconductor manufacturing, arterial stent-grafts, spinal implants, lighting fixtures, antidepressants, analgesics, gypsum wallboard, and electronic dispensers.

McDonald previously clerked for The Honorable Paul R. Michel, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Prior to attending law school, he was a product engineer in the Fuel Systems Group at Siemens VDO Automotive, where he conducted fuel systems research and launched new designs in large-scale OEM production.

"We are thrilled to have Shawn join our thriving and growing IP practice. His significant technology expertise and amiable personality are an excellent addition to the group," said Amar Thakur, co-chair of Sheppard Mullin's Intellectual Property Group.

Commented McDonald, "Sheppard Mullin continues to expand its IP capabilities and I am excited about joining the formidable team in the Del Mar Heights office. I am impressed by the breadth of tech and life sciences matters handled by the group."

McDonald received a J.D. from The University of Virginia in 1999, an M.B.A. from William and Mary in 1996, and a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, *magna cum laude*, from Old Dominion University in 1993. He is USPTO registered and a member of the New York and California bars.

Patent litigation partners Steven M. Hanle and Jennifer A. Trusso joined the Orange County office of Sheppard Mullin earlier this month as members of the firm's IP practice group. The firm has close to 50 attorneys based in its Del Mar Heights office and the IP practice group includes more than 60 attorneys firmwide.

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