

### Sheppard Mullin Mourns Loss of Special Counsel Matt Fong

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Matthew Fong, a special counsel with Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP in Los Angeles, passed away today.

Fong began his career as a Sheppard Mullin associate before becoming a member of the California State Board of Equalization. He was later elected California State Treasurer. After serving as Treasurer, Fong returned to the firm and also pursued several other business endeavors.

"Matt was an excellent transactional lawyer who began his career with the firm in 1985," said Bob Zuber, Sheppard Mullin's executive director. "Our firm is deeply saddened with his passing."

"Matt was a consummate gentleman, universally friendly to staff and lawyers. He brought a blend of fiscal, political and global expertise to his public-private sector practice," said Sheppard Mullin partner Richard Brunette.

Fong received his J.D. from Southwestern University in 1985, M.B.A. from Pepperdine University in 1983 and B.S. from the United States Air Force Academy in 1975.

Last month, Fong was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the Southwestern Law School Commencement ceremony on May 15. In his speech, he mentioned Sheppard Mullin as the place that developed his legal skills and Gordon Hampton as being a great mentor.

"Matt addressed the audience with a remarkably strong spirit. His words were very moving and inspiring. The response was thunderous applause from the audience that filled the Shrine Auditorium for the commencement ceremony," stated Robert Philibosian, Sheppard Mullin of counsel, who was present as a member of Southwestern Law School's Board of Trustees.

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