

Sheppard Mullin Continues to Support Diversity Pipeline Programs

Contributions Made in Connection with Firm's Annual Diversity & Inclusion Award

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP has honored partner Blaine Templeman with the firm's third Diversity & Inclusion Award, an award that recognizes the significant diversity and inclusion commitment of a Sheppard Mullin attorney. As part of the award, the firm for a third consecutive year has made a corresponding financial contribution to support a law school diversity pipeline program working with secondary school students. This year's contribution will be made to a program being developed by New York University's OUTLaw LGBT law student organization to support their efforts related to pipeline programs.

"Blaine is an incredibly passionate advocate of diversity within the firm and in the LGBT community, and we are thrilled to recognize his dedication to efforts and initiatives in this area. I am privileged to co-chair Sheppard Mullin's LGBT lawyer group, Out at Sheppard, with Blaine, who was key to launching the group," stated Candace Matson. "Additionally, we are pleased to contribute on his behalf to a program that will make a difference to LGBT law students."

"I am honored by the firm's recognition and pleased that Sheppard Mullin's donation will support the formation of a LGBT pipeline program in conjunction with our friends at NYU OUTLaw," said Templeman.

Templeman serves on the National Leadership Committee and the NY Leadership Committee of Lambda Legal, as well as Lambda Legal's National Dinner Corporate Co-Chair. Lambda Legal is a national non-profit LGBT civil rights policy and advocacy organization. He also leads Sheppard Mullin's pro bono representation as outside counsel for GLAAD (the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation - a national non-profit organization that serves as a media watchdog to ensure positive LGBT images).

Templeman is the managing partner of Sheppard Mullin's New York office and a partner in the Corporate and Intellectual Property practice groups. He also serves as co-leader of the firm's Life Sciences group and is a member of the firm's Diversity Committee. Templeman's practice focuses on counseling U.S. and international clients in the protection, development and commercialization of their products and IP portfolios through domestic and cross-border intellectual property transactions, precision manufacturing, contract manufacturing, clinical trials, research and outsourcing.

The Sheppard Mullin Diversity & Inclusion Award was created to recognize an individual or team of attorneys in the firm for their commitment to diversity & inclusion programs and initiatives in the legal profession. Recipients are selected based on their overall contributions and dedication to advancing the firm's mission in this area.