

Sheppard Mullin Re-Elects Chairman Guy Halgren to Fifth Term

Management's Success Tied to Strategic Expansion and Fostering Entrepreneurial Culture

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP is pleased to announce that the firm's chairman of the executive committee, Guy N. Halgren, has been re-elected to a fifth consecutive, three-year term leading the firm. Halgren was first elected to this management role in 2001. Halgren is the first Sheppard Mullin chairman to hold this position for more than three terms.

"Our partnership is very fortunate to have Guy at the helm for another term. He's smart, fair and forward-thinking," said Lawrence M. Braun, Los Angeles-based Corporate partner and member of the executive committee. "Guy has been instrumental in growing the firm in terms of size, locations, and practice areas, while preserving Sheppard Mullin's tradition of collegiality and entrepreneurship."

Sheppard Mullin has experienced significant growth in the past twelve years. The number of attorneys is now more than 600, which is more than double the firm's attorney headcount in 2001. During the same time period, the firm has geographically grown from a California firm, to a national firm with locations in Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C., to an international firm with offices in Beijing, Shanghai, Seoul, Brussels and London. The firm currently has a total of sixteen offices, having significantly expanded from four locations in 2001.

Comparing 2001 to 2012, gross revenue has climbed from \$149 million to \$438 million. Practice area growth has occurred in a number of ways, including the establishment of an institutional entertainment and media practice in 2003, the significant growth of the firm's Intellectual Property practice group in recent years, and the strengthening of signature practices: Antitrust, Corporate, Finance & Bankruptcy, Government Contracts, Labor & Employment, Litigation, Real Estate/Land Use and Tax.

Additionally, Business Trial partner Robert S. Beall has been re-elected as the firm's managing partner for another three-year term. He has held this firm management position since 2005. Beall, based in the firm's Orange County office, has also been re-elected to the firm's executive committee for another three-year term.

This year, Jon W. Newby has been elected to the newly created position of vice chairman. Newby, based in the firm's Century City office, is a Corporate partner, serves as the practice group co-chair and is a member of the executive committee.

"I'm very pleased that Robert has agreed to serve for another term and welcome Jon in the role of vice chairman. Their talents complement each other, as well as mine, and I look forward to continued success and growth leading the firm with their support," Halgren commented.

Partners Geraldine Ann Freeman, Jerry J. Gumpel and Hal Milstein have been elected to the executive committee. Freeman is based in the San Francisco office and is co-chair of the firm's Finance and Bankruptcy practice group. Gumpel is based in the firm's Del Mar office, is co-chair of the International practice and member of the Corporate practice group. Milstein is based in the firm's Palo-Alto office and is a member of the firm's IP practice group.

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