

### IP Partner Carina Tan Joins Sheppard Mullin Palo Alto

#### Firm Continues Strategic Expansion of IP Practice & Silicon Valley Presence With Trademark & Patent Prosecution Attorney

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Carina M. Tan has joined Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the firm's Intellectual Property practice group, based in the firm's Palo Alto office. Tan joins from Reed Smith.

Tan counsels clients on intellectual assets design and protection, enforcement of intellectual property rights in U.S. Federal District Courts and the U.S. International Trade Commission, licensing, sale or acquisition of intellectual property, M&A IP due diligence and IP backed financing. Her background in technologies includes communication networks and devices, wireless technology, packet network performance, network security systems, cyber content management, computer architecture, software and Internet applications, semiconductor devices, global positioning systems, renewable energy technology and social media technology.

"Carina is a well-known and well-regarded IP attorney, who is an excellent addition to our formidable IP practice group. She represents a variety of technology companies and has significant patent and trademark expertise," commented Guy N. Halgren, chairman of Sheppard Mullin.

"I am thrilled to join Sheppard Mullin and am impressed by the firm's strategic vision and growth of the IP practice. I was also attracted to Sheppard Mullin's California footprint and its strong litigation capabilities statewide, which are key to supporting and growing my practice. I look forward to working closely with my new partners in Palo Alto and throughout the firm," Tan stated.

"Carina joins Sheppard Mullin as part of our ongoing strategic goal to expand our trademark and patent prosecution capabilities in Palo Alto and firmwide. She is an accomplished IP attorney and the latest high profile lateral partner to join our practice group," said Stephen S. Korniczky, co-chair of Sheppard Mullin's Intellectual Property practice group.

"We are very fortunate to have Carina on board in Palo Alto, as we continue to strengthen and deepen our bench of IP attorneys. She is an excellent fit with the office, as well as with the firm's, entrepreneurial and collegial culture," said Ed Anderson, co-managing partner of Sheppard Mullin's Palo Alto office.

Tan received a J.D. from University of California, Hastings College of Law in 1996, a M.A. and B.S. in Aerospace Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1987 and 1985, respectively.

In 2013, the following IP partners joined Sheppard Mullin: Lorna Tanner in Palo Alto from Foley & Lardner, Scott Palmer in Beijing from Baker & McKenzie, Mike Heimbold in Century City from Steptoe & Johnson, Dave Randall in Los Angeles from Dickstein Shapiro, Jim Soong in Palo Alto from Greenberg Traurig and Laura Burson in Los Angeles from Kirkland & Ellis.

Sheppard Mullin has 30 attorneys based in its Palo Alto office. The firm's Intellectual Property practice group includes 100 attorneys firmwide.

## Practice Areas

Intellectual Property

Patent Prosecution and Counseling

Trademark Applications and Prosecution