

### IP Partner Michael Solomita Joins Sheppard Mullin New York

#### Patent Litigator Brings Trial, Prosecution, and Licensing Expertise To Growing Office

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Michael V. Solomita has joined Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the firm's Intellectual Property practice group, based in the firm's New York office. Mr. Solomita joins from Amster, Rothstein & Ebenstein.

"Mike is a well-known and well-regarded patent litigator, who is an excellent addition to our formidable IP practice group. He has represented a variety of leading technology companies, many of which are Japanese corporations, and has significant litigation and patent jury trial experience," said Guy N. Halgren, chairman of Sheppard Mullin.

"I am thrilled to join Sheppard Mullin and have been very impressed by the firm's strategic vision and successful growth of the IP group. I was especially attracted to the firm's full-service platform, which is ideal to continue to build and leverage my practice," Mr. Solomita commented.

"Mike joins Sheppard Mullin as part of our ongoing strategic goal to expand our patent litigation capabilities in New York and firm wide. He is an accomplished IP attorney and the latest high profile lateral partner to join our practice group," said Don J. Pelto, co-chair of Sheppard Mullin's Intellectual Property practice group.

"We are excited to welcome Mike to the office. Over the last year we have significantly grown our presence in New York by adding 20 attorneys, and we continue to expand the office and make further headway into the New York market," said Blaine Templeman, managing partner of Sheppard Mullin's New York office.

Mr. Solomita has extensive experience handling a broad range of intellectual property rights matters, including litigation, licensing, opinions, and prosecution. Patent litigation and licensing have been a centerpiece of his practice. Mr. Solomita has focused on patent issues in diverse high technology areas, such as LCDs, airborne biological detectors, laser printers, chemical refrigerants, DRAMS, lithographic printing plates, electric motors, glass coatings, hard disk drives, medical sensors, analog and digital circuits, cellular phones, nuclear diaphragms, digital cameras, video recorders, batteries, semiconductor manufacturing, LEDs, compressors, and axial flow fans.

Mr. Solomita has twice worked in Japan as in-house patent counsel for Panasonic Corporation. There he spearheaded patent licensing programs, directed litigations, and provided client counseling in all areas of patent law.

Mr. Solomita received a J.D., *magna cum laude*, from New York Law School in 1997 and a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering, *cum laude*, from NYU Polytechnic School of Engineering in 1992.

Sheppard Mullin has 60 attorneys based in its New York office. The firm's Intellectual Property practice group includes 100 attorneys firm wide.

## Practice Areas

Intellectual Property