

High Profile Trial Lawyer Adam Streisand Joins Sheppard Mullin Century City as Part of Litigation Duo

Prominent Los Angeles Litigation Partner Brings Private Wealth Dispute Expertise to Firm's Business Trial Practice Group; Sheppard Mullin Also Adds Partner Nick Van Brunt

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP has added two partners to the firm's Business Trial practice group: Adam F. Streisand and Nicholas J. Van Brunt. Streisand and Van Brunt join Sheppard Mullin's Century City office from Loeb & Loeb, where Streisand chaired the firm's Trust and Estate Litigation practice.

"As a veteran litigator with considerable trial experience who is best known for trusts and estates litigation, Adam is a true rock star in the T&E world. He is one of the most high profile and highly regarded trial lawyers in Los Angeles. We are delighted to welcome him and Nick to the firm. They are top-flight attorneys that significantly add additional depth and breadth to our existing litigation capabilities, especially in the trusts and estates area," said Guy Halgren, chairman of Sheppard Mullin.

"We are thrilled to be joining Sheppard Mullin. I have found the attorneys here to be talented, extremely entrepreneurial, collegial and welcoming. We are also impressed with the firm's successful strategic growth in Los Angeles and firmwide," Streisand commented. "The firm's presence and profile in California was a critical factor in our decision to join Sheppard Mullin. I am especially pleased that Nick and I will be able to continue to practice together. Sheppard Mullin offers us a dynamic and exciting platform to expand our practices here in Los Angeles and nationally."

Streisand is widely regarded as one of the nation's top trial attorneys, particularly in the field of private wealth disputes, including litigation involving trusts, estates and conservatorships. He is best known for his victories in courtroom battles over celebrity estates and his recent trial victory for former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer vindicating his right to acquire the LA Clippers for \$2 billion in litigation against Donald Sterling. Streisand has been in courtroom battles over the estates of Michael Jackson, Ray Charles, Marlon Brando, Michael Crichton, Anna Nicole Smith, Rodney Dangerfield, Dennis Hopper and William Randolph Hearst.

In addition to his law practice, he teaches other lawyers the art and science of trial work as an instructor with the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and as a frequent lecturer and author. Streisand is also active in authoring probate law, including legislation he drafted at the request of the Marilyn Monroe estate, to protect the right of a celebrity's heirs to control his or her name, image and likeness after death.

Van Brunt focuses his practice on trusts and estates litigation. His typical client matters include will and trust contests, breach of fiduciary duty cases, trustee accounting disputes, conservatorship proceedings, and civil matters involving the intersection between probate and trust law and other legal areas. Van Brunt's clients include individual trustees or other fiduciaries, individual beneficiaries, trust companies, and financial services companies. He also has substantial general business litigation experience, including disputes arising in or relating to labor and employment, intellectual property, securities, real estate, matters of professional responsibility and liability, judgment collection, bankruptcy matters, and general breach of contract and tort actions.

Streisand received a J.D., *cum laude*, from American University Washington College of Law in 1991 and a B.A. from Trinity College in 1985. Van Brunt received a J.D. from George Washington University Law School and a M.A. from George Washington University in 2004, and a B.A. from University of California at Berkeley in 1999.

Sheppard Mullin has 230 attorneys based in its Los Angeles and Century City offices, and 250 attorneys in its Business Trial practice group firmwide.

Attorneys

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Practice Areas

Estate Planning and Wealth Transfer

Litigation