

Sheppard Mullin's Robert J. Stumpf, Jr. Elected to Board of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP is pleased to announce that Robert J. Stumpf, Jr. has been elected to the Board of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers (AAAL). AAAL is comprised of approximately 350 appellate specialists from across the country. In addition to his new role with the Board, Stumpf also chairs AAAL's Membership Committee.

"I'm honored to join the outstanding appellate lawyers who are currently on the Board," said Stumpf. "The AAAL is an exceptional organization dedicated to ensuring justice and professionalism at the highest levels in the appellate courts across the country. It's a privilege to be part of such an important and respected organization."

Stumpf joined Sheppard Mullin in 1999. A Certified Specialist in Appellate Law since 1998, Stumpf's principal areas of practice are appellate law and commercial litigation.

He is a member of the California Academy of Appellate Lawyers, former chair of California State Bar Appellate Law Advisory Commission, former chair of the Appellate Courts Committee of the San Francisco Bar Association, a Practitioner Advisor with the Appellate Advocacy Program at Berkeley Law, and a judge pro tem with San Francisco Superior Court. He received his law degree, Order of the Coif, from University of California, Hastings; a master's degree in political science from the University of California, Berkeley; and his undergraduate degree, *magna cum laude*, from Harvard College.

About the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers

Since its founding in 1990, the AAAL has committed itself to advancing the administration of justice and promoting the highest standards of professionalism and advocacy in appellate courts. Membership in the AAAL is reserved for experienced appellate advocates who have demonstrated the highest skill level and integrity. Nominations to the organization can only be made by current Fellows. Nominees are thoroughly vetted by the legal and judicial communities in a confidential process and must be elected to the fellowship by the board of directors. Because of these high standards, Academy Fellows rank among the "Who's Who" of appellate practice in the jurisdictions where they appear.

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