

Three Sheppard Mullin Attorneys Elected to Partnership

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP announced yesterday that the Firm has elevated three of its attorneys to partner. The three new partners are Ted C. Lindquist III, Aaron J. Malo and Brette S. Simon.

"Each of these attorneys will be a strong addition to the partnership. They exemplify what Sheppard Mullin is all about—providing the highest quality legal work, superior client service, and exceptional value," said Guy Halgren, Chair of the Executive Committee. "We are very proud to have them as our partners," he added.

Ted C. Lindquist III, 37, is in the Business Trial and Financial Institutions Litigation Practice Groups and is resident in the firm's San Francisco office. He has extensive experience litigating individual and class action cases involving breach of contract and warranty, unfair competition, business torts, product and premises liability, and commercial unlawful detainer and related landlord/tenant issues. He has successfully argued appeals before both the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the California Court of Appeal. Mr. Lindquist received his JD from Golden Gate University in 1995, where he was a member of the *Golden Gate University Law Review*, and his undergraduate degree from California State University at Long Beach in 1991.

Aaron J. Malo, 34, in the Finance and Bankruptcy Practice Group in Orange County, specializes in creditors' rights issues. He primarily represents lending institutions, financial services corporations, equipment lessors and landlords. He has extensive experience in all aspects of bankruptcy proceedings and regularly tries cases in both state and federal courts. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Malo interned with the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Economics and the Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Enforcement. Mr. Malo received his law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law in 1995 where he served as managing editor of the *Hastings International and Comparative Law Review*. He received his undergraduate degree in public policy, with honors, from Stanford University in 1992.

Brette S. Simon, 32, in the Corporate Practice Group, represents clients in public and private mergers, tender offers, consent solicitations, leveraged recapitalizations, stock and asset purchase and sale transactions and securities offerings. She also advises companies and investors in debt and equity venture capital financings and has structured numerous joint venture transactions. Ms. Simon has spoken at numerous seminars and has published almost two dozen articles on various corporate law issues.

Ms. Simon received her law degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1994, where she ranked first in her graduating class, was Order of the Coif, and served as Editor of the *UCLA Law Review*. She received her undergraduate degree in Quantitative Economics and Decision Sciences from the University of California, San Diego in 1991, graduating *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa. She is a member of both the California and District of Columbia bars, and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Business and Corporations Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. She also serves on the UCLA School of Law Alumni Board of Directors.

Sheppard Mullin has more than 400 attorneys among its eight offices in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Orange County, San Diego, Santa Barbara, West Los Angeles, Del Mar Heights, and Washington, D.C. The full-service firm provides counsel in Antitrust and Trade Regulation; Business Litigation; Construction, Environmental, Real Estate and Land Use Litigation; Corporate; Entertainment and Media; Finance and Bankruptcy; Financial Institutions; Government Contracts and Regulated Industries; Healthcare; Intellectual Property; International; Labor and Employment; Real Estate, Land Use, Natural Resources and Environment; Tax, Employee Benefits, Trusts and Estates; and White Collar and Civil Fraud Defense. The Firm celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2002.