

COMPLEX BUSINESS LITIGATION PARTNER CHRIS REEDER JOINS SHEPPARD MULLIN LOS ANGELES

Christopher S. Reeder has joined the Los Angeles office of Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP as part of the firm's Business Trial practice group. Reeder, and a team of three attorneys who are joining Sheppard Mullin with him, most recently practiced with Lord, Bissell & Brook in Los Angeles.

Reeder represents clients in the areas of commercial law, real estate, franchise, business practices, intellectual property, employment and labor, construction, aviation, entertainment, hospitality and class action litigation. He also counsels clients in real estate transactions, lending and brokerage laws, construction contracting and licensure requirements, advertising, business practices, and employment law.

Reeder is joined by special counsel Beverly Lu and associates Gabriel Green and Gene Wu.

"Chris brings diverse trial experience to our litigation group, one of the firm's core practices. The team's practice dovetails well with other key groups in the Los Angeles office, such as real estate, employment and IP," said Guy Halgren, chairman of the firm.

Commented Reeder, "I am enthusiastic about joining the firm with my former team, as well as to be working with the great lawyers here. Sheppard Mullin has a large, solid platform for my practice. The firm is entrenched in Los Angeles with an excellent reputation and has a significant presence in the region's business community."

"Chris is a skilled practitioner and excellent addition to our Business Trial practice group," said Robert Beall, chair of the firm's Business Trial practice group. "He litigates and provides counsel to clients in a variety of legal fields, and the team will add depth in areas like franchise law and class actions."

Sheppard Mullin's downtown Los Angeles office has more than 150 attorneys, half of whom are litigators. In total, the firm has approximately 250 litigation attorneys in ten offices.

Reeder received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from University of Dayton School of Law in 1997 and his B.S. from the University of the State of New York in 1993.

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