

CHIEF KNOWLEDGE OFFICER RACHELLE DEGREGORY JOINS SHEPPARD MULLIN

Rachelle L. DeGregory has joined Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP as Chief Knowledge Officer. A former practicing attorney, DeGregory was most recently Director of Industry Relations at LexisNexis Litigation Services. She is based in Sheppard Mullin's Los Angeles office.

DeGregory's role is to develop and implement Sheppard Mullin's knowledge management initiatives across all offices and practice groups, leveraging the firm's knowledge and experience to enhance client service. As the liaison between the firm's IT and business development departments, she is charged with the responsibility to ensure that technology projects meet the needs and requirements of clients, attorneys and staff.

Bob Zuber, executive director of Sheppard Mullin, commented, "Rachelle brings to us a broad range of knowledge through her legal and IT experience. Her background is an excellent fit with the firm, as she will be leading our knowledge management initiatives concerning products, tools and content solutions – all of which significantly impact the firm's ability to serve clients efficiently."

"Sheppard Mullin's executive management is committed to leveraging the firm's IT investments to better serve clients and create new business opportunities. I look forward to working with a highly talented team, both within the knowledge management group and throughout the entire Sheppard Mullin system," said DeGregory.

In her role at LexisNexis, DeGregory gathered and employed legal market intelligence to locate trends/needs and customer pain points to identify new products, tools and content, as well as recommend and initiate changes in current solutions. She also identified and assessed business opportunities and determined strategic fit conditioned by technical feasibility.

DeGregory earned a J.D. from Boston University School of Law in 1999 and a B.A., *cum laude*, from University of Southern Maine in 1996.

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