

## HIGH-PROFILE ANTITRUST TRIAL LAWYER DARRYL SNIDER JOINS SHEPPARD MULLIN LOS ANGELES

Veteran litigator Darryl Snider has joined the Los Angeles office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the firm's Antitrust practice group. Snider most recently practiced in the Los Angeles office of Heller Ehrman.

Snider's practice focuses on complex litigation, particularly in antitrust, securities class actions, accountants' liability, mergers and acquisitions, and bank litigation. He has successfully argued a case before the United States Supreme Court for Wells Fargo Bank and won numerous appeals in the Second, Ninth and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeals.

Snider has been lead trial counsel for many clients in state and federal courts throughout the country. His impressive list of antitrust representations includes clients such as Mercedes Benz of North America, Philip Morris U.S.A., Altria, Masco Corporation, Unocal, Cytec Industries, Western Refining, Lucky Stores, Medco, C&H Sugar, Tyler Pipe Industries and Pitney Bowes. Snider has also represented KPMG and Deloitte & Touche in civil securities litigation cases and regulatory investigations. In other complex litigation actions, he has represented ARCO, Citigroup, Merrill Lynch, Community Psychiatric Centers, Credit Suisse First Boston, Shell Oil Company and Chevron, among others.

"Darryl is a renowned antitrust attorney, whose brand name, reputation and credibility litigating large cases is unparalleled. With decades of high-profile litigation experience, he is a tremendous addition to the firm. He will be a valuable leader to our national antitrust practice," said Guy Halgren, chairman of the firm.

Commented Snider, "Sheppard Mullin is a growing firm with a strategic vision and excellent lawyers. I am looking forward to expanding its antitrust, securities and complex litigation capabilities in the Los Angeles office. With a practice group that handles a variety of antitrust matters and deep roots in this area of law, Sheppard Mullin offers a strong platform for my practice." Name partner Gordon Hampton helped develop the antitrust laws during the 1950s and was a founder of the ABA's Antitrust Section.

Irv Scher noted, "I have worked closely with Darryl Snider in a number of multi-party antitrust cases in which he usually was lead counsel and argued major motions on behalf of all defendants. Darryl is an outstanding antitrust litigator, great on his feet, and a consensus maker in multi-defendant cases. He should be a welcome addition to the Sheppard Mullin litigation team." Scher is a senior antitrust partner at Weil, Gotshal & Manges and former chairman of the ABA Antitrust Section.

Steve Patton of Kirkland & Ellis commented "I have known Darryl for a decade and have worked on several major antitrust cases with him. He is an outstanding litigator and antitrust lawyer."

Snider received a J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Michigan Law School in 1974, and a both a Ph.D., with Highest Distinction, in Economics in 1975 and a B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, in 1971 from the University of Michigan.

Sheppard Mullin has more than 150 attorneys based in its downtown Los Angeles office, with close to another 40 based in its Century City office. The firm's Antitrust practice group includes 25 attorneys firmwide.

### **About Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP**

Sheppard Mullin is a full service AmLaw 100 firm with more than 520 attorneys in 11 offices located throughout California and in New York, Washington, D.C. and Shanghai. The firm's California offices are located in Los Angeles, Century City, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, Orange County, Santa Barbara, San Diego and San Diego/Del Mar. Founded in 1927 on the principle that the firm would succeed only if its attorneys delivered prompt, high quality and cost-effective legal services, Sheppard Mullin provides legal counsel to U.S. and international clients. Companies turn to Sheppard Mullin to handle a full range of corporate and technology matters, high stakes litigation and complex financial transactions. In the U.S., the firm's clients include more than half of the Fortune 100 companies.