

Ex-Sidley Austin Patent Attorney Joins Sheppard Mullin

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Law360, New York (March 05, 2012, 5:46 PM ET) -- Former Sidley Austin patent litigator Edward V. Anderson has joined Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP's 75-attorney intellectual property practice group in Palo Alto, Calif., the firm announced Monday.

Anderson, who led Sidley Austin's northern California IP practice, plans to help Sheppard Mullin expand its IP presence in Silicon Valley, where the firm currently has 15 attorneys in the group.

"I am thrilled to join Sheppard Mullin and have been very impressed by the firm's strategic vision and the growth of the IP practice," Anderson said. "I look forward to helping Sheppard Mullin strengthen and continue to build its top-tier IP practice."

In his more than three decades in practice, Anderson primarily has represented clients in the computer, semiconductor, telecommunications and software industries. He has tried IP, antitrust and commercial cases before federal, state and appellate courts and before the U.S. International Trade Commission.

In addition, Anderson has counseled several major and emerging technology companies on management of their IP portfolios.

"He is a formidable IP attorney, and an excellent fit with the firm's collegial culture," said Stephen S. Korniczky, co-chair of Sheppard Mullin's IP group. "We are so fortunate to have him on board as we further strengthen and deepen our bench of IP attorneys."

Anderson spent nine years at Sidley Austin, where he was a founding partner of the firm's Palo Alto office. Before Sidley Austin, Anderson worked for a decade at former Silicon Valley IP boutique Skjerven Morrill LLP, where he was the managing partner.

Anderson began doing IP work shortly after earning his law degree from Stanford Law School in 1978. He said he always had been drawn to technology, and there were many opportunities for IP attorneys in Silicon Valley.

"I've loved everything about it," he said. "You're always learning something new."

Anderson is the latest in a series of lateral hires meant to bolster Sheppard Mullin's IP practice.

In January, Jill Pietrini, the former chairwoman of Manatt Phelps & Phillips LLP's IP practice group, joined Sheppard Mullin's Los Angeles office, bringing with her extensive experience in trademark and other IP issues in the entertainment industry.

Ex-Fish & Richardson PC partner Nagendra "Nick" Setty joined Sheppard Mullin in October as co-chair of its IP practice. Setty, who is based in the Palo Alto and San Francisco offices, brought a broad range of patent litigation experience to the firm.

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