

## Sheppard Mullin Snags Ex-Littler Employment Pro In Calif.

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Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP said Thursday it has bolstered its labor and employment practice group in Silicon Valley by tapping a former Littler Mendelson PC attorney with experience advising clients on employment litigation and labor law, including high-profile employment class action matters.

Nancy E. Pritikin joins the firm as a partner in Palo Alto after previously serving as a shareholder and co-chairwoman of Littler's complex litigation and jury trials practice group based out of San Francisco and New York. Prior to her 22-year tenure at Littler, Pritikin was a partner at Lillick & Charles LLP, according to her LinkedIn profile.



Nancy Pritikin

"I am excited to join Sheppard Mullin, a full-service firm that can service my clients' needs beyond employment matters," she said in a statement. "I have been very impressed by the entrepreneurial culture of the Palo Alto office and the firm's significant nationwide growth, including the labor and employment practice group."

Firm Chairman Guy N. Halgren lauded the arrival of the new partner.

"Nancy is highly regarded for her experience as a lead trial attorney and has handled many high profile cases," Halgren said in the statement. "She is also one of a handful of attorneys who has successfully served as lead trial counsel for multiple high profile cases. We enthusiastically welcome Nancy to the firm. She is a top-tier employment attorney and excellent fit for our formidable labor and employment practice."

A veteran litigator, Pritikin focuses her practice on employment discrimination, wrongful termination, investigations of employee conduct and sexual harassment matters, according to Sheppard Mullin.

Paul S. Cowie, who worked with Pritikin at Littler and is managing partner of Sheppard Mullin's Palo Alto office, said her addition shores up the firm's employment capabilities in the Bay Area.

"Nancy is a tough, no-nonsense litigator with a tremendous amount of nationally-renowned trial experience," Cowie said in the statement. "I am glad to again be practicing with her and thrilled that she

is joining us in Palo Alto.”

Prior to entering private practice, Pritikin worked as a lawyer for the National Labor Relations Board and the Federal Labor Relations Authority, according to Sheppard Mullin. She received bachelor’s and law degrees from the University of Florida.

Pritikin’s addition follows Sheppard Mullin’s recent hiring of former Reed Smith LLP partner Colleen H. McDonald, who joined the firm’s finance and bankruptcy practice group in San Francisco on Feb. 16.

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