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## STATS AND FACTS

**1,084**  
Lawyers Globally

**16** Offices in  
5 Countries

**9** Practice Groups

**25** Industry Teams

**36** Blogs | **4** Podcasts

**2,022**  
Alumni in our network

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

We are proud to announce that Sheppard Mullin earned top marks in the recently released *Vault Law 2024* rankings, including ranking in 22 “Quality of Life” categories. Vault is a top resource for law students and lateral associate candidates in researching law firms to make career decisions.

We thank our associates for the high rankings as the Quality of Life scores are based on the responses associates give their own firm based on their personal experiences. Notably, we ranked #8 for “Best Summer Associate Program” and #15 in “Best Law Firms to Work For.” The firm also ranked highly in the following practice areas: Renewable Energy (#10), Labor & Employment (#11) and Media, Entertainment and Sports (#13).

We feel that this ranking reflects the culture we are so proud of and work so hard at nurturing. At Sheppard Mullin, we continuously strive to create a firm where lawyers *want* to be. We are very proud of our culture, which emphasizes civility, teamwork, and a commitment to excellent service to clients. Some other highlights include:

- **Balanced Approach:** We strive to ensure our work meets the highest professional and client service standards in the industry. Billable hours expectations are balanced (1,950 hours) and permit pursuit of family, civic, and professional activities.
- **Teamwork:** We do not staff our work through watertight practice groups. We deploy cross-disciplinary teams to reflect the changing nature of today’s legal practice and client expectations. With 25 industry teams and over a dozen client teams, the objective is to bring together our collective expertise to better serve our clients.
- **Unique Benefits:** In addition to traditional health benefits, we are proud to offer unique benefits and programs focusing on wellness, including “Unplug and Recharge” (where lawyers receive 40 hours of billable credit per year while they unplug from work), a wellness incentive, and mental health benefits available to attorneys and their dependents.
- **Diversity & Inclusion:** We recognize the importance of diversity and the need to create a workplace of inclusion. Women attorneys, attorneys of color, LGBTQ+ attorneys, veteran attorneys and staff members, and attorneys who are parents have formed affinity groups that hold meetings, promote activities and make recommendations to firm management.
- **Pro Bono Program:** We encourage and support our attorneys to help pro bono clients. We give credit toward billable hour guidelines for work on pro bono projects.

If you know of any attorneys interested in joining Sheppard Mullin, encourage them to apply on our “[Careers](#)” page.



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# Join Us!

## SheppardMullin

New York Area Attorney  
Alumni Reunion

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

Join your former Sheppard Mullin colleagues and New York area alumni for an in-person Attorney Alumni Reunion on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The reception will be held at the RT60 Rooftop Bar & Lounge at the new Hard Rock Hotel, New York City's newest hotel, located on 48<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between the Theatre District and Radio City Music Hall.

This will be our first alumni gathering in New York and it will present an opportunity to meet our Chair and Washington, D.C. partner **Luca Salvi**. Attorney alumni who live in the area are welcome to attend, as are any alumni from across the country who happen to be in town.

An invitation was sent in late July, so check your mail and in-box. If you'd like to attend or have any questions, please contact events specialist Maricela Slota at [MSlota@sheppardmullin.com](mailto:MSlota@sheppardmullin.com). We look forward to catching up and renewing friendships.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT INTERVIEW: MARK MCGRATH OF CYIENT



### Mark McGrath

Head of North America Legal  
Cyient, Inc.  
East Hartford, CT

*Formerly Business Trial/Litigation Partner  
New York Office, 2009-2020*

We are delighted to profile former Sheppard Mullin partner Mark McGrath, now Head of North America Legal at Cyient in Connecticut.

### Career Path

Mark was born in and spent the first four years of his life in New York City. Like many New Yorkers, his parents moved to Connecticut where he spent the rest of his youth, taking the train

from Darien to Fairfield Prep for high school. He then attended the University of Notre Dame, receiving his B.A. in Economics & Philosophy in 1994.

Mark had intended to become a Wall Street research analyst after college, but the economy was tight and his offer from Smith Barney wasn't sector specific, so he got a job with their outside counsel, Skadden Arps. At the time, Skadden was the second largest law firm in the world, and he got great experience there, including working on an NFL antitrust trial. Mark laughed that he "actually had Michael Milken's calendar for a matter involving the SEC, and the SEC occasionally called me to ask, 'what does it say on July 10th?' And I would say, 'lunch with Steven Spielberg' and the SEC would say 'okay, thank you.'"

Following two years at Skadden, Mark attended Fordham University School of Law in New York, and received his J.D. in 1999, serving as Editor-in-Chief of the *Fordham Intellectual Property, Media & Entertainment Law Journal*. He summered at Eaton & Van Winkle (now defunct), a small firm of 20 lawyers, where he basically did everything: commercial transactions, employment, real estate, litigation, and bankruptcy.

At the end of 2001, the Enron debacle happened, and Mark received a message from the former General Counsel of Union Carbide, who was a significant Kelley Drye client. Mark had

attended Fordham with one of GC's sons. The GC told Mark Kelly Drye was looking for litigation attorneys because it was representing JPMorgan Chase in the Enron matter and the firm needed additional attorneys to work on non-Enron matters. After going through the interview process, Mark got the job and then met many of the lawyers who are now in Sheppard Mullin's New York office.

Mark said, "At Kelley Drye, one of the first people I met was Rob Friedman, who was an associate at that time. Rob was not working on any Enron-related matters, so we worked together on litigation and bankruptcy-related matters. Then I met Paul Garrity, who was also an associate at the time, and we worked on a number of IP litigation matters. During that time, I also had to work and socialize with many of the labor and employment attorneys, including Jon Stoler, Eric Raphan, Jim Hays, Brian Murphy, Scott Earl, and Kevin Smith (who was a litigator working on the JPMC matter). A few months in, I shared an office with Rena Andoh while she spent her summer at Kelley Drye. Over the years, many of those labor and employment attorneys and Rena left Kelley Drye. Many of those labor and employment attorneys ended up at Sheppard Mullin sometime before 2009 and I guess they reached out to Rob and Paul to help them grow out the New York office. In November 2009, Rob joined, Paul and his assistant Mary Ogofa (who became my assistant as well) followed a few weeks later, and I joined the day after Paul. At that time, Sheppard's New York office had around 20 attorneys."

Mark came over as an associate and was elected partner in 2013, where he continued to work on litigation and IP matters. One of those matters, for Paul Garrity's client Perrigo, presented an opportunity to work on the litigation, IP and business aspects of the matter. At that time, Perrigo owned a pet care business that included flea and tick business for dogs and cats, which were the subject of a number of disputes with other companies. Through the course of working on the IP and litigation matter and working with the client, Mark became entrenched with that group. As a result, Mark received an opportunity from the client to do business-side work, including proving claims such as "kills fleas and ticks or kills ticks in [X] minutes." In order to make such claims and get EPA approval for the claims, Perrigo had to design and run studies and then analyze the results. Mark got deeply involved in reviewing and revising the studies and the protocols for those studies, analyzing the data and generating statistics, identifying any problematic data and statistics, and evaluating the potential advertising claims from a legal perspective. It was at that point that Mark really found his passion for working on the business side of a company.

He noted that "I was a litigator at Sheppard, which meant I often received matters that had fully baked problems. I'm not saying all of them were, but many had run their course within the clients' organizations. When I was evaluating my career at that time, I viewed the chance to work in-house as an opportunity to use my strengths (such as business and financial knowledge and skills) to attempt to address and solve business and legal problems before they became major issues requiring engagement of outside counsel. It was at that time that I decided that I enjoyed the

business aspect of the law more and I should focus on trying to find the right opportunity to fulfill my career aspirations."

In 2020, Mark left Sheppard Mullin to work as General Counsel at Nod Hill Media Group with a colleague in the publishing business who decided to start his own media consulting business. At the same time Mark started interviewing with Cyient, his partner was in the process of being named the CEO of an ad tech company. As Mark recalls, "our final hurrah together was me working with my partner to negotiate all of the employment agreements, benefits, stock option agreements, etc. for my partner to take his new role. We were able to wrap that up about a week before I started at Cyient."

Mark began working at Cyient in July 2021 as the Head of North American Legal for Cyient Inc., which is based in East Hartford, Connecticut.

## Current Roles and Responsibilities

At Cyient, Mark is responsible for all legal and compliance activities in North America, which is primarily the U.S. and Canada. Cyient has about 1,200 employees in the U.S. and about 100 in Canada. Mark currently oversees three lawyers and two legal professionals, and he reports directly to Navroze Palekar, Global Head of Legal & Compliance for Cyient Limited. Mark's day-to-day activities include interacting with the executives on a wide array of matters, evaluating legal and business risks, drafting and negotiating contracts, creating and revising compliance policies and trainings, and overseeing litigation matters. He also chairs the North American governance, risk, and compliance committee, which is a cross-functional group.

Cyient Limited is a publicly traded company headquartered in Hyderabad, India. Mark noted that "Cyient, up until recently, has had two different lines of business. One is providing engineering services in a variety of sectors or business verticals, and then we had a manufacturing business known as Cyient DLM. While Cyient Limited remains the majority owner of Cyient DLM, Cyient DLM was officially listed as a separate company on two India stock exchanges on July 10<sup>th</sup>."

Given the worldwide market Cyient serves and the global nature of Cyient's businesses, Mark and his colleagues in the Legal Department are often working with customers around the world on a wide variety of matters. Mark commented that "this presents a tremendous opportunity to work on cutting-edge matters with some of the largest companies in the world. It also allows our department to be constantly looking for new or better ways to do our jobs and proactively identify potential opportunities and risks."

## Importance of Outside Counsel

Mark reinforced what many other in-house counsel say, namely, that "the same issues are present in companies regardless of the industry. We are asked to do more with less, so cost-saving insights and items are always helpful." Mark has been working with Sheppard Mullin partner Ann O'Brien for a few years on



an antitrust matter. Mark says “Ann has been very good at understanding our needs because she’s been with us while at both BakerHostetler and Sheppard. Ann understands that we are an Indian public company, so we may have different needs and requests. However, Ann is always trying to come up with solutions that might be out of the box, which is very important.”

Additionally, Mark stressed the importance of really understanding your client’s business and the people at the organization. He noted that while much can be learned from reading and analyzing annual reports, scouring websites for information, and reading news reports about the company, that information pales in comparison to speaking to people. Knowledge from speaking with client contacts, conducting meetings, or doing prep sessions should be treasured by outside counsel.

“When you get the inside knowledge about a company, it helps you provide the best advice because you can tailor your advice to your client’s particular situation. Investing in the relationship is something we talk about all the time, whether it be with Sheppard Mullin or other counsel or consultants that we work with. For example, you could charge a client \$10,000 for a training session or to do a relatively simple matter, but it might be better for you as a firm to eat that cost to learn more about the company and lock in the relationship. We appreciate those kinds of investments by firms and believe our partners benefit from the deeper relationship.”

Mark further elaborated, “While I understand U.S. antitrust law relatively well due to doing two trials and having ‘been around the block’ for some time, it can be a very different and complex world for people who are not antitrust practitioners, whether they are located in the U.S. or India.” Mark explained that “While we understand our business and many of the risks we face, it is extremely important for outside counsel, like Ann has done, to understand our business and those risks. The reason is we make decisions evaluating that risk on our business all the time. Outside counsel needs to be cognizant of that and understand that it is not necessary to highlight all the risks, just the likely risks to the particular circumstances. In other words, there is no need to identify all the risks or discuss issues ad nauseum once you have a comprehensive understanding of your client’s business. In essence, you can ‘cut to the chase’ and provide practical and actionable advice given the knowledge you have acquired.”

## Current Industry Trends

Cyient is a very diverse company, covering sectors such as transportation (aerospace, rail, and automotive), sustainability (mining, energy, and utilities), communications, and medical, but there are some overarching trends Mark is seeing across industries.

Mark noted that “if I had to categorize the three biggest things we’re seeing from customers, they would be ESG, automation and AI, and data security. ESG is a broad subject covering environmental, social, and governance, so there is a lot of data required to analyze a company’s ESG scores. Cyient is committed to ESG, not because it is the right thing to do but because our customers and

stakeholders are also committed to it and demand it. Cyient is part of our customer’s supply chains and their shareholders and stakeholders demand ESG compliance.” He cautioned that “you want to be certain you have those capabilities before you sell yourself as an expert. You can develop that expertise through a cross-functional group of lawyers, such as energy, environmental lawyers, labor lawyers, and corporate lawyers who work well together and can maximize their knowledge and expertise.” Mark also noted that he expects those companies that talk about ESG but do not deliver will be subject to claims in the future, such as greenwashing, as well as the loss of customers and market capitalization.

“Two, the demand for artificial intelligence solutions and automated solutions continues to grow exponentially. Cyient has about 18,000 employees globally but customers are asking us to use our digital, engineering, and technology skills to find quicker and better ways to solve problems. So we are finding ways to automate processes and properly utilize artificial intelligence to address those needs.” Mark noted that he expects this trend to be present in all industries because automated tasks and the use of AI increases productivity and allows companies to focus on developing additional solutions for ever-changing problems.

Third, data security is huge, both for companies and their customers. “Every company possesses personal data, whether it is just employee data or, if you are in a B2C business, customer data. Data security permeates everything we do because of our global customer base and Cyient’s global operations.” As technology continues to grow at rapid pace and the amount of data generated grows exponentially, companies have to manage the data. Given the number of different data protection and privacy laws across the globe, Mark believes this continues to be an issue for companies to address and an opportunity for law firms to continue to assist their clients.

## Career Advice for Young Lawyers

Mark chuckled in response to this question that “I’ll give you the answer I gave everyone who asked me this question in interviews, whether it’s in-house or when I was at Sheppard. The first thing, and it seems simple, but they have to develop trust with whom they work, whether it’s internal stakeholders or external stakeholders. So that means for younger people, do good work, do the research, and do it in advance of the deadline. Because trust leads to greater opportunities for you in whatever job you’re working, whether in the law or in a company.”

Second, “I talked earlier about getting to know the client’s businesses. A lot of that involves learning, whether it be about businesses or the law or trends, which you can get from reading whatever periodical, electronics, attending PLIs. We actually make it mandatory for our attorneys to attend at least 12 CLEs a year with PLI or otherwise. We also require our attorneys to provide formal and informal trainings to stakeholders to expand their brands and exposure to the business.”

Third, Mark noted it is important for young attorneys to develop a specialty or focus on their practice. However, Mark “would

encourage people who are specializing to also think beyond their specialties. For example, you might specialize in IP, but it might be valuable to understand how to read and analyze financial statements. That knowledge might help you in evaluating litigations but, if you eventually decide to go in-house or become a businessperson in a company, you will have an edge of potential competitors for that position."

Finally, Mark encourages newer attorneys "not to be afraid to ask and don't be put off if the answer is no. While I have found that most people want to help, there are times when someone says no for a variety of reasons, such as they are too busy at that time. That doesn't mean you shouldn't follow-up and try to find another time. If that doesn't work, I would suggest trying to find someone else who might be able to assist you. As the old saying goes, if you don't ask, you will never get it (whether it is an answer or an opportunity)."

### Sheppard Mullin Memories

As we've heard from multiple alumni about what they miss most about Sheppard Mullin, Mark concurred that "it's the camaraderie and the colleagues. There was a lot of camaraderie from the executive committee down to the support staff. In terms of a law firm, people really worked well together towards the common goal."

### Life Outside Work

Outside of work, Mark shared that he chauffeured his three kids around. He has a soon-to-be 16-year-old daughter and boy/girl twins that are 13, all of whom are involved in many sporting and social activities.

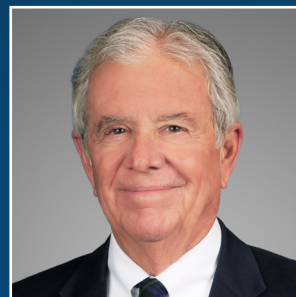
When he's not working and not driving kids around, he plays golf in the summer and paddle tennis in the winter. And if Notre Dame is on TV or streaming in any sport, he's watching the Irish.

Finally, Mark is involved in pro bono work and was a board member from 2016 to 2021 for Hackers for Hope, a not-for-profit for cancer research and treatment.

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We thank Mark for taking the time to share his insights with us about his post-Sheppard Mullin career and wish him continued success.

## IN MEMORIAM



**Bob Copeland**

We are sad to share that former San Diego corporate partner **Bob Copeland** passed away on Saturday, July 15, 2023.

For many years, Bob was a stalwart of the San Diego corporate law community. He graduated from Occidental College and received his J.D. from USC in 1966. He started at Gray Cary in October 1966 and moved to Luce Forward in 1994. In 2004, Bob concluded that he wanted to get into a firm with a bigger California and national presence. In 2008, Bob joined us as a partner in the San Diego Office as part of a larger team that included corporate lawyers **Jamie Mercer, Michael Umansky, Adam Shipley** and **Edwin Astudillo**. Bob continued to be a leading force in San Diego until he retired in 2017.

Bob was always there for others. He was extremely active in both client development and community activities and was known throughout the San Diego community. He loved assisting clients and made himself a trusted advisor to many.

In 1991, Bob founded the Thomas C. Ackerman Foundation with the assets received from the estate of one of Bob's friends and mentors, Thomas C. Ackerman. Through the Foundation, Bob and his wife, Lynne, oversaw grants to hundreds of organizations in the San Diego region, including K-12th grade education programs focusing on the admission to college of traditionally underserved youth. The Foundation will continue in its mission. Bob was also a board member and supporter of other San Diego youth-based enrichment programs.

When Bob was not working a deal, you could find him enjoying time with Lynne, his children and his grandchildren, occasionally slipping away for a fly fishing or bird hunting trip — sources report that Bob was a great shot. Bob represented what many of us aspire to be. He was an outstanding lawyer, a great partner, a mentor and a friend to many of us at Sheppard Mullin.

## ALUMNI MOVES AND NOTABLE NEWS

Below are recent in-house alumni moves and other notable achievements. [Let us know](#) if you've changed jobs so we can feature your move in a future edition.



**Micah Bobo** is now Real Estate Counsel at Weyerhaeuser in Seattle, WA. He was a real estate associate in our San Francisco office from 2013 - 2018.



**Sam Canales** is now Software Products Counsel for Apple Inc. in Cupertino, CA. He was a corporate associate in our Century City office from 2021 - 2022.



**Nicole Danesh** is now Business and Legal Affairs Counsel at Fox Entertainment Group in Los Angeles, CA. She was a corporate associate in our Century City office from 2019 - 2021.



**Natalie Ferrall** is now Commercial Counsel at Snap, Inc. in Santa Monica, CA. She was a real estate associate in our Los Angeles office from 2016 - 2018.



**Marko Kipa** is now Deputy General Counsel at Comcast in Philadelphia, PA. He was a government contracts associate in our Washington, D.C. office from 2005 - 2012.



**Mike McKinnon** is now CEO and President of his long-time client The Innovation Institute in La Palma, CA. He was a corporate/healthcare partner in our Costa Mesa office from 2015 - 2023.



**Chris Noon** is now Corporate Counsel, Public Sector for Google in Reston, VA. He was a corporate associate from 2008 - 2009, then a governmental associate in our Washington, D.C. office from 2009 - 2012.



**Kevin Ryan** is now Product and Privacy Counsel at SPAN in San Francisco, CA. He was an intellectual property associate in our Washington, D.C. office from 2019 - 2021.



**Tica Taylor** is now VP - Real Estate Counsel with Cinemark in Plano, TX. She was a real estate special counsel in our Dallas office from 2020 - 2023.



**James Turner** is now Senior Patent Counsel with Genentech in San Diego, CA. He was an IP associate in our Del Mar office from 2021 - 2023.



**Alex Williams** is now General Counsel with New Columbia Solar in The Woodlands, TX. He was a real estate/energy associate in our Houston office from 2022 - 2023.

Congrats to all our alumni! We regularly post in-house job opportunities from clients and friends of the firm on the Sheppard Mullin alumni site under "Career Opportunities." We welcome in-house job postings from you; please send to [alumni@sheppardmullin.com](mailto:alumni@sheppardmullin.com).





## HELPING CLIENTS SUCCEED

Sheppard Mullin lawyers work on a wide range of litigation and transactions to help our clients succeed. Here are just a few examples of our work over the last quarter:

### Altaa Investments

**Altaa Investments, LLC, 18150 Tiger, LLC and Pacific Venture Partners, LLC** – After a two-week trial in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, a Sheppard Mullin litigation team led by Los Angeles partner **Moe Keshavarzi**, special counsel **David Dworsky** and associate **Sara Pfeiffer** obtained a unanimous jury verdict for clients Altaa Investments, LLC, 18150 Tiger, LLC and Pacific Venture Partners, LLC, three entities that were victims of a multi-million dollar Ponzi scheme. In January 2022, our team filed a lawsuit against the principals and founders of Production Capital, LLC, a purported film financing company, alleging that the defendants solicited investments in fake film finance deals by making material misrepresentations about the company and the deals. The lawsuit exposed Production Capital as a Ponzi scheme, led to its collapse, and prevented defendants from soliciting investments from other potential victims.



**Bently Heritage** – We advised family-owned Bently Heritage in the [sale](#) of its Minden, Nevada, distillery to Foley Family Wines, a portfolio of highly-acclaimed wines from many of the world's greatest vineyards. The deal team was led by San Francisco partner **Nioura Ghazni**.



**Corbel Capital Partners** – A multi-disciplinary team represented Corbel Capital Partners, a Los Angeles-based independent investment firm, in its formation of, and investment in, Premier Plastic Surgery Partners, LLC, a company comprised of leading board-certified plastic and facial plastic surgeon practices that aim to bring a novel physician-centric approach to physicians looking to reduce risk, grow their practice and strengthen their legacy. This will create the nation's first-ever platform for Plastic and Facial Plastic Surgeons. The deal was led by Century City partner **Aytan Dahukey**.



**Cosori** – Sheppard Mullin, in coordination with a Joint Defense Group representing the air fryer industry, secured judgment in favor of all defendants in connection with a Prop. 65 challenge. The Council for Education and Research on Toxics sued numerous retailers and manufacturers (including our client, well-known air fryer company Cosori) alleging that defendants' air fryers exposed consumers to acrylamide without warning in violation of Prop 65. Although air fryers do not contain acrylamide, CERT argued a Prop. 65 warning was necessary because acrylamide is created when certain foods are cooked at high temperatures. The court sustained defendants' omnibus demurrer without leave to amend, finding that because cooking in air fryers only generates acrylamide in certain kinds of food and not all, defendants were not obligated to provide a Prop. 65 warning. The team was led by Los Angeles partner **Whitney Jones Roy** and Los Angeles associate **Jennifer Pennington**.



**Kevin's Natural Foods** – We are advising Kevin's Natural Foods, a high-growth, nutritious meal company, in its [acquisition](#) by Mars Inc., a family-owned, global leader in confectionery, food and pet care products and services. Kevin's Natural Foods is expected to operate as a standalone business within Mars Food & Nutrition, playing a key role in Mars' ongoing strategy focusing on healthier eating. The transaction is expected to close in the third quarter of 2023. The deal team for Kevin's Natural Foods was led by Dallas partner **Lindsay Ferguson** and Los Angeles partner **Edward Xia**.



**Pixelogic Media** – In a climate of increased sanctions enforcement, our trade team obtained a victory for client Pixelogic Media before the U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). Pixelogic Media provides distribution services and technology solutions to the entertainment industry. The company conducted several financial transactions in multiple sanctioned countries. We worked with the company to investigate the root causes, implement risk mitigation measures, and craft a voluntary self-disclosure that we submitted to OFAC. While the company could potentially have faced sanctions penalties of over \$10 million, OFAC closed the case with a cautionary letter. London partner **Reid Whitten** and Orange County associate **Lisa Mays** led this matter.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Our CLE programs have shifted to mostly hybrid events, including an in-person and webinar component, unless otherwise indicated. Upcoming events where our lawyers are speaking include, among others:

**August 29, 2023, 10:00 - 10:30 am PT**

[“No Class, Just a Massive Headache: Mass Arbitrations”](#)

Sheppard Mullin’s “Class Action Threats in 2023 and Beyond - A Webinar Series”  
*Webinar*

**September 6, 2023, 2:00 – 3:00 pm EST**

[“Training AI Models – Just Because It’s Your Data Doesn’t Mean You Can Use It”](#)

Hosted by myLawCLE  
*Webinar*

**September 7, 2023, 1:00 – 2:00 pm CEST**

[“Defend Your Data – How to Navigate Information and Cybersecurity Requirements to Secure a Place in the U.S. Supply Chain”](#)

Hosted by the Swedish Security & Defense Industry Association  
Stockholm, Sweden

**September 12, 2023, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm PT**

[“2023 Wage and Hour Laws”](#)

Hosted by Castle Publications  
*In Person or Virtual*  
The DoubleTree, 924 West Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA

**September 13, 2023, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm PT**

[“2023 Employment Discrimination and Employee Relations Laws”](#)

Hosted by Castle Publications  
*In Person or Virtual*  
The DoubleTree, 924 West Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA

**September 14, 2023, 10:00 am PT**

[“Residential Housing Class Actions”](#)

Class Action Threats in 2023 and Beyond - A Webinar Series  
Hosted by Sheppard Mullin  
*Webinar*

**September 19, 2023, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm PT**

[“2023 Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies”](#)

Hosted by Castle Publications  
*In Person or Virtual*  
The DoubleTree, 924 West Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA

**September 19, 2023, 6:00-8:00 pm EST**

New York Area Alumni Reunion  
Hosted by Sheppard Mullin  
*In Person*  
RT60 Rooftop Bar & Lounge, Hard Rock Hotel, New York, NY

**September 20, 2023, 2:15 pm EST**

[“Exploring the Role of Independent and Specialty Pharmacies in Specialty Pharmaceuticals”](#)

Compliance Congress for Specialty Products Conference  
Hosted by Informa  
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Boston, MA

**September 21, 2023, 3:15–4:30 p.m. EST**

[“Antitrust, Innovation, and Discrimination: A New Perspective for a New Era?”](#)

50th Annual Competition Law Institute  
Hosted by Fordham Law School  
*In Person*  
Fordham Law School, New York, NY

**September 27, 2023, 1:00-2:30 pm EDT**

[“Export Control and Anti-Discrimination Laws: Navigating Competing Employer Obligations”](#)

Hosted by Strafford  
*Webinar*

**October 3, 2023, 10:00 - 10:30 am PT**

[“Arbitration and Class Action Waivers: A Vision of a Classless Society”](#)

Class Action Threats in 2023 and Beyond - A Webinar Series  
Hosted by Sheppard Mullin  
*Webinar*

**October 4, 2023, 9:00 a.m. PT**

[“Foundations of Privacy and Data Protection”](#)

IAPP Privacy. Security. Risk. 2023 Conference  
Hosted by International Association of Privacy Professionals  
*In Person*  
Marriott Marquis, San Diego, CA

**October 17, 2023, 3:45 - 4:30 pm PT**

[“Satellite to Cell Connectivity - Market Expectations and Technology”](#)

Silicon Valley Space Week  
Hosted by Satellite Innovation  
*In Person*  
1401 N Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, CA

**October 24, 2023, 10:00 am PT**

[“Securities Class Actions”](#)

Class Action Threats in 2023 and Beyond - A Webinar Series  
Hosted by Sheppard Mullin  
*Webinar*



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## PODCASTS



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**Nota Bene Podcast:** Explore how today's international legal headlines will affect your global business on *Nota Bene*, a weekly podcast for the C-Suite.

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