

## Sheppard Mullin Adds Connolly Bove IP Atty To LA Team

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*Law360, New York (October 12, 2012, 12:53 PM ET)* -- Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP has brought over a seasoned intellectual property lawyer from Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP to bolster its ranks in Los Angeles, the firm said Tuesday.

Scott R. Miller, who joined Sheppard Mullin as a partner in the intellectual property practice group, spent more than six years at Connolly Bove, where he was partner-in-charge of the Los Angeles office and a member of the management committee.

"Scott is an important addition to our IP practice and brings a broad-based IP litigation practice. With a diverse client roster that includes a variety of tech sectors such as telecommunications, data storage technologies, fiber optics, lasers, [liquid crystal displays] and medical products, his practice dovetails well with our IP and tech industry capabilities," Sheppard Mullin chairman Guy Halgren said.

Miller has represented clients in intellectual property litigation, serving as first chair in numerous patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret cases. He also has significant experience in patent counseling and opinions, due diligence, licensing, and patent and trademark prosecution.

Miller has served as lead IP counsel on hundreds of transactions, and has handled merger, acquisition and licensing deals involving the all kinds of intellectual property rights.

"Scott joins Sheppard Mullin as part of our strategic goal of adding attorneys with thriving practices who are also proven leaders and builders, with the goal of continuing to grow our IP practice. He brings a significant IP practice to our Los Angeles office and further strengthens our litigation capabilities," said Nick Setty, co-chair of Sheppard Mullin's intellectual property practice group.

On Oct. 1, Sheppard Mullin announced it had added intellectual property lawyer Laura Chapman, formerly of Foley & Lardner LLP, to its San Francisco office. And in September, Sheppard Mullin said it expanded its intellectual property group and its presence in Los Angeles by luring over veteran attorney Bruce Chapman, who also had joined from Connolly Bove.

The addition of Chapman followed the hires of former Sidley Austin LLP patent litigator Ed Anderson at its Palo Alto, Calif., office in March, and former Manatt Phelps & Phillips LLP IP practice group chairwoman Jill Pietrini at its Century City, Calif., office in January, according to the firm.

"I am excited to join Sheppard Mullin. The strength and growth of the firm's IP group is very impressive. I look forward to continuing to practice with my former partner Bruce Chapman, as well as my new partners in Los Angeles and throughout the firm," Miller said.

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