

Sheppard Mullin Turns 5

Sheppard Mullin's DC office had its **fifth birthday party** last week, and never being ones to turn down a slice of cake we had to show up. The overall firm is 80 years old with over 500

attorneys. Appropriate to its cool **LA roots**, the DC office gave itself a hip lounge vibe for the occasion, with "**Sheppard-tinis**" and "**Mullin Mojitos**" offered at the bar.



Aviation practice head **Roy Goldberg** and DC Managing Partner **Ed Schiff** founded the DC outpost with **Bob Magielnicki** (he was outside of camera range—on the West Coast for an SEC investigation) on the week of **President's Day** in 2003. Ed tells us that unsuspecting California partners were met with **20+ inch snowstorm** (remember those?) and vowed to restrict their DC visits to summer months. The snowstorm wasn't a bad omen, though: in its five years the firm has gone from three to **40 lawyers**, with strengths in **government contracting**, **FDA**, and **regulatory** work.

Here in the elevator lobby—or is that the **Chi Cha Lounge?**—partners **Lucantonio Salvi** (coolest name ever) and **Peter Reichertz** frame **FTI Consulting's Rob McDonald**. For client **CB Fleet**, a global maker of health and beauty products, Lucantonio works the M&A side while Peter handles regulatory.



At least one LA partner braved the chance of snow: **Larry Braun**, right, who represents **Northrop**. Here he stands with telecommers—yes, we just made up that word—**Megan Troy** and **Chris Huther**. Megan and Chris rep **Verizon** and tell us there's a new battle emerging in their field between telcos and power companies over the use of utility poles. Hey, it can't all be glamorous!

Associates **Julie Hopkins**, **Matt Clanton**, and **Rob Ziff** pose before the spread of corn soufflés and miniature turkey rubens. Julie came over with an **IP** group from **K&L Gates**, and Matt does work for **New Line Cinema**, clearing the titles of their feature films. (Also, full disclosure: "Ziff" is known to your loyal Bisnow correspondent from a local poker game, the members of which would like to **thank** him for his generosity.)

