

### Sheppard Mullin Partner Michael Umansky Named Advisor of the Year

*San Diego Advisor of the Year*

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Sheppard Mullin is pleased to announce that partner Michael Umansky has been selected as a winner of an inaugural San Diego Advisor of the Year award. As an award winner, Umansky is being acknowledged as a local middle market M&A professional who has significantly contributed to the successful sale, expansion or recapitalization of his clients' companies. Winners were announced on October 22 at an awards program held at the La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology. Additionally, Sheppard Mullin partner Bob Copeland was named a San Diego Advisor of the Year award finalist.

Umansky is a partner in the Corporate practice group in the firm's Del Mar Heights and Century City offices and is the leader of the firm's Emerging Growth/Venture Capital team. He practices corporate law with a special emphasis on capital raising transactions and mergers and acquisitions. Umansky's practice includes venture capital and private equity financings, merger and acquisition transactions, business formation and structuring, contractual matters (including licensing and distribution agreements), and public securities offerings. He represents entrepreneurs, startup and established companies, and venture capital and private equity investors in a variety of sectors including software, internet, mobile, business services, consumer goods and brands, life sciences, construction, and food and beverage.

Copeland is a partner in the Corporate practice group in the firm's Del Mar Heights office and is the co-chair of the firm's Family Owned and Closely-Held Businesses team. He practices in the area of corporate law with an emphasis on corporate finance, securities, real estate and mergers and acquisitions. Copeland also specializes in assisting business owners seeking a liquidity solution in locating financing and acquisition sources.

The Advisor of the Year program is the result of a partnership between the San Diego offices of BNY Mellon Wealth Management, Sheppard Mullin, Objective Capital Partners and Departure, in cooperation with the Rady School of Management at the University of California San Diego and the Association for Corporate Growth. Advisors are recognized by an independent panel of judges who assess nominations. Awards are based on degree of difficulty of the deal, creative solutions to complexity and conflict, success of negotiations and any other criteria the judges determine is relevant.

#### Attorneys

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#### Practice Areas

Corporate

Emerging Company & Venture Capital

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Technology Transactions

## Industries

Emerging Company & Venture Capital

Private Equity