

→ Silicon Valley

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Palo Alto is home to entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, investment bankers, thirty-three Fortune 100 companies and, as of 2008....Sheppard Mullin! The attorneys in our Palo Alto office handle the corporate, licensing, patent and litigation needs of our clients. We are committed to growing the office to serve companies in Silicon Valley, including those in the media, information technology, communications, clean technology, security, health care and biotechnology sectors.

The Palo Alto office of Sheppard Mullin was named a "Best Places to Work" by the *San Francisco Business Times* in 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, and 2009.

With its beautiful climate, strong history of education and innovative business community, this is the place to be. Sheppard Mullin-Palo Alto is growing and prospering along with our clients.

Sheppard Mullin's Silicon Valley office opened in 2008 and has grown to over 35 attorneys and a total of 90 employees (including paralegals, patent agents and staff) servicing a diverse range of clients and industries.

Our attorneys in the Silicon Valley office serve emerging and established private and public companies in technology, life sciences, retail, media, gaming, venture capital, financial services, transportation, and manufacturing sectors.

Our Silicon Valley office offers a full range of legal services:

Corporate – we handle every aspect of our clients' corporate needs including formation, venture capital financing, governance and securities, investment management, mergers and acquisitions, as well as public offerings.

Intellectual Property – we advise and represent our clients in patent and trademark prosecution matters including patent portfolio development, management, post grant review, patent monetization, brand creation, clearance and global trademark filing programs, trademark policing, disputes, domain name disputes, trade secret protection, copyright and design patent registration, tech and patent licensing; we manage large and small portfolios including U.S. and foreign prosecution.

Litigation – we provide comprehensive litigation coverage to our clients in patent litigation matters including arbitrations, International Trade Commission investigations, and administrative proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; we also offer experienced and nimble representation in copyright, trademark, and commercial litigation.

Labor & Employment – we litigate every type of employment-related claim, including class actions, independent contractor classifications, protection of trade secrets, single plaintiff wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, and retaliation claims and all types of wage and hour complaints.

Executive Compensation – we support our clients efforts to attract and retain key executives and employees by advising and preparing compensation plans and agreements including founders agreements, executive employment agreements, stock incentive and bonus plans, using an interdisciplinary approach which takes into account prevailing custom and market trends.

Bankruptcy - we advise and represent debtors, creditors, committees, trustees and receivers in their Chapter 7, 11 and 13 bankruptcy proceedings.

As a preeminent California law firm with an 90+ year legacy of providing effective legal advice and representation, and with dedication to client service as one of our hallmarks, we look forward to serving you.