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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton is proud to announce that **12 of the Firm's attorneys have been elected by peers as the foremost attorneys in their respective areas of practice.**

The Best Lawyers in America©, the preeminent legal guide in the U.S., released its listings of the nation's top practitioners in their specialties in their jurisdictions, and among those from Sheppard Mullin are: Michael Ahrens, Joel Ohlgren , and Robert Williams , Partners in the Finance & Bankruptcy Practice Group ; John Bonn and Joseph Gorman , Partners, and Nancy Howard , Special Counsel, in the Tax, Employee Benefits, Trusts & Estates Practice Group ; David Bosko , John Hussey and Richard Kintz , Partners in the Corporate Practice Group ; John Collins , Partner in the Labor & Employment Practice Group ; and John Simon and Robert Thompson , Partners in the Real Estate, Land Use, Natural Resources & Environment Practice Group.

"Sheppard Mullin is extremely pleased to receive such an honor, especially because we recognize that it is the peers of our elected attorneys who have rated them preeminent. To know that of half a million votes cast, 12 of our attorneys, from different offices and different practice groups, were elected is tremendously gratifying," said Guy Halgren , Chair of the Executive Committee.

**Sheppard Mullin** has more than **330 attorneys** among its **seven offices** in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Orange County, San Diego, Santa Barbara, West Los Angeles, and Del Mar Heights. The **full-service firm** provides counsel in Antitrust & Trade Regulation; White Collar and Civil Fraud Defense; Business Litigation; Construction, Environmental, Real Estate, Land Use Litigation & Natural Resources; Corporate; Finance & Bankruptcy; Financial Institutions; Government Contracts & Regulated Industries; Healthcare; Intellectual Property; Labor & Employment; and Tax, Employee Benefits, Trusts & Estates. **The firm is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2002.**

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