

### Real Estate Partner Duo to Join Sheppard Mullin San Diego

#### Further Expands Firm's Premier Real Estate, Land Use and Environmental Practice Group

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP has announced the addition of partners Nancy T. Scull and David M. Hymer to the firm's Real Estate, Land Use and Environmental practice group. Scull and Hymer will join Sheppard Mullin's San Diego office from McKenna, Long & Aldridge. They have spent their entire careers at McKenna and its predecessor firm, Luce Forward Hamilton & Scripps.

Sheppard Mullin's chairman, Guy Halgren, commented, "We enthusiastically welcome Nancy and David to the firm. They are truly best in class. Adding them to our existing premier Real Estate practice group solidifies our position as one of the few go-to real estate firms in California."

The firm's Real Estate, Land Use and Environmental practice group leader Domenic Drago noted, "Nancy is one of the leading experts in California in the areas of mixed use developments, residential developments and Bureau of Real Estate regulatory matters. David brings a robust, traditional practice, focused on real property purchase and sale, leasing and construction contracts."

Scull's focus is on the representation of commercial, industrial, retail and residential developers in all real property transactions. She advises lenders, borrowers, and guarantors on loan documentation, workout and loan enforcement issues. Scull has developed a special expertise in mixed use projects, condominium projects and Bureau of Real Estate regulatory matters. She represents numerous publicly held developers, urban high-rise and mixed-use developers, and developers of master planned communities in developing and processing projects and implementing programs to minimize liability. Scull has worked with many master developers of major communities and urban town centers, advising them with the planning, development and long-term governance of their communities and the sale of parcels to merchant builders. She also represents national, commercial, industrial and retail developers with high-rise office, commercial and industrial projects and retail shopping centers throughout the state of California and has created governing documents for major retail centers in Northern and Southern California. She received a J.D. from University of Southern California in 1982, a M.Ed. from Smith in 1973 and a B.A., *cum laude*, from Trinity University in 1970.

Hymer has significant experience in real property acquisitions, dispositions, development, and leasing. His experience includes complex real estate purchase and sale transactions; representing developers of master planned communities in all aspects of development and sale; representing public and privately-held

homebuilders in land acquisitions and related matters; representing shopping center developers and investors; ground leases; build-to-suit transactions; real estate loan transactions; and construction contracts. Hymer received a J.D., Order of the Coif, from Stanford Law School in 1987 and a B.A., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Pennsylvania in 1984.

Sheppard Mullin has 90 attorneys based in its San Diego offices. The firm's Real Estate, Land Use and Environmental practice group includes 80 attorneys firmwide.

Also announced today, Sheppard Mullin is adding eight partners to the firm's Insurance and Business Trial practices: Peter H. Klee, Ronald D. Getchey, Charles A. Danaher, John T. Brooks, Nathan S. Arrington, R. Randal Crispen, Marc J. Feldman and Theona Zhordania. The group will join Sheppard Mullin's San Diego office, except for Zhordania who will join the firm's Los Angeles office. They previously practiced together at McKenna, Long & Aldridge.

Last month, partner Scott Morehouse joined Sheppard Mullin in the firm's Real Estate, Land Use and Environmental practice group, based in the firm's Orange County office. Morehouse joined from Greenberg Traurig.

## Practice Areas

Real Estate and Land Use