

Sheppard Mullin Lands 3 Bingham White Collar, IP Partners

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Law360, San Francisco (February 12, 2014, 6:23 PM ET) -- Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP has reeled in three Bingham McCutchen LLP partners, including its white collar co-chair, to tackle corporate criminal cases and business trials in its San Francisco office, the firm announced Tuesday.

Raymond C. Marshall brings to Sheppard Mullin his extensive experience representing clients in criminal and civil litigation, as well as investigating insider trading, securities fraud, antitrust violations public corruption and other corporate misdeeds, the firm said.

"Ray is a lion in our industry; one of the most well-known and respected attorneys in California. He is a trusted adviser to his clients, many of whom we already represent," Guy Halgren, chairman of Sheppard Mullin, said in a statement. "Ray also has an impressive track record of public service, inside and outside the legal profession, and we are excited that he desires to continue this important work with us."

Joining Marshall in Sheppard Mullin's San Francisco office are fellow Bingham partners Krystal N. Bowen and David S. Cannon. Bowen co-led Bingham's white collar investigations and enforcement group. Her specialties include white collar criminal defense, internal corporate investigations and complex commercial litigation, Sheppard Mullin said.

Cannon, a complex commercial and intellectual property litigator, represents clients in the tech, financial services, energy, manufacturing, insurance and development sectors. He's handled cases involving unfair competition, contractual disputes, trade secrets, trademark, product defects and securities, the firm said.

"We are delighted to welcome [Ray], Krystal and David to the firm," Halgren said. "Together, they comprise a top-flight group of attorneys that significantly adds additional depth and breadth to our existing white collar, investigations and financial litigation capabilities."

Marshall received his bachelor's degree from the College of Idaho and his law degree from Harvard Law School. He is a former president of the State Bar of California and the Bar Association of San Francisco. In 2004, he was appointed by Chief Justice Ronald M. George to chair the California Supreme Court's Advisory Task Force on Multijurisdictional Practice, the firm said.

He is the co-director of Task Forces and Special Committees Division of the ABA Section of Litigation, and is a member of the ABA Retirement Fund Board. He also serves on Sen. Dianne Feinstein's Judicial Advisory Committee for the Northern District of California and as an adviser to the American Law Institute on the Model Penal Code Sentencing Project.

Bowen received her bachelor's degree from Hofstra University and her law degree from the University of California at Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law. She is a former assistant U.S. attorney who served the central and northern districts of California.

She holds a seat on the Board of Governors of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers and the Board of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. Bowen recently completed a three-year term as a director of the San Francisco Bar Association.

Cannon received his bachelor's degree from the University of California in Berkeley, his master's from the University of Virginia and his law degree from the University of California's Hastings College of the Law.

He served as a judicial extern for Chief Judge Marilyn Hall Patel of the Northern District of California. In 2007, he served as an assistant district attorney in the Misdemeanor Trial Unit for the City and County of San Francisco. Cannon serves on the Boards of the San Francisco Architectural Heritage and The SMART Program.

"We are thrilled to be joining Sheppard Mullin," Marshall said in a statement. "The firm is doing so many things right; it has truly become a destination firm.

"I have found the attorneys here to be talented, extremely entrepreneurial, collaborative and welcoming," he added. "You can tell that they really like practicing law together. We are also impressed with the firm's successful strategic growth in the Bay Area, throughout the state and firmwide."

--Editing by Andrew Park.