

Sheppard Mullin Lures Greenberg Traurig Access Law Pro

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Law360, New York (October 02, 2013, 1:59 PM ET) -- Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP on Tuesday announced it wooed a former Greenberg Traurig LLP accessibility litigation expert to the business trial practice group of its Orange County, Calif., office.

Gregory Hurley, who managed Greenberg Traurig's Orange County litigation group for the last 10 years, joined Sheppard Mullin as a partner in mid-September.

"I'm very excited to be able to provide my clients the resources of Sheppard Mullin's extensive California, national and international offices," Hurley said. "My practice meshes perfectly with Sheppard's expertise in real estate and business and employment litigation."

Hurley focuses his practice on litigation surrounding the Americans with Disabilities Act and Fair Housing Act claims. Currently, Hurley is defending statewide class actions against national chains Starbucks, In-N-Out Burger, Regency Theatres and Ralphs Grocery Stores.

Sheppard Mullin Chairman Guy N. Halgren said in a statement: "Greg is one of the top attorneys in the country specializing in accessibility law and we are excited to welcome him to the firm. His extensive experience in ADA and Fair Housing Act matters bolsters our capabilities and allows us to better service client needs."

The co-chair of the firm's business trial practice group, John Yacovelle, added, "As a nationally recognized attorney on discrimination and access law, Greg brings an extraordinary amount of knowledge and expertise to clients who face accessibility-related issues and matters — his decades of experience, which include trying state and national class actions, are invaluable to clients whether he is counseling them or representing them in court."

Hurley earned his law degree from the University of Colorado Law School in 1986 and his bachelor's from the University of California, Berkeley in 1981. He is admitted to practice in California, Colorado and the District of Columbia.

Sheppard Mullin's business trial practice group includes more than 200 attorneys firmwide. The firm has 60 attorneys based in its Orange County office.

Hurley's addition comes in the wake of six August lateral hires by the firm.

In August, David Almeida joined the business trial practice group in Chicago from Sedgwick, Peter Carson joined the finance and bankruptcy practice group in San Francisco from Bingham McCutchen, Tom Devaney joined the corporate practice group in New York from Morrison & Foerster, Lorna Tanner joined the intellectual property practice group in Palo Alto from Foley & Lardner, Ariel Yehezkel joined the corporate practice group in New York from Kirkland & Ellis, and Stephanie Zeppa joined the corporate practice group in Palo Alto from Dentons.

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