

Sheppard Mullin Snags IP Partner From Reed Smith

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Law360, San Francisco (January 02, 2014, 4:08 PM ET) -- Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP snagged an intellectual property partner from Reed Smith LLP for its IP practice group based in Silicon Valley, the firm announced Thursday.

Carina M. Tan is already on the job at Sheppard Mullin's Palo Alto, Calif., office, where she will continue her work counseling clients on how to design and protect intellectual assets. She'll also help them enforce their IP rights in the U.S. District Courts and before the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Tan is also helps clients with the commission, licensing, sale or purchase of intellectual property as well as issues related to mergers and acquisitions and IP-backed financing.

"Carina is a well-known and well-regarded IP attorney, who is an excellent addition to our formidable IP practice group," said Guy N. Halgren, chairman of Sheppard Mullin. "She represents a variety of technology companies and has significant patent and trademark expertise."

Tan's background includes a variety of technologies, such as communication networks and devices, wireless technology, packet network performance, network security systems, content management, computer architecture, software and Internet applications, semiconductor devices, global positioning systems, renewable energy technology and social media technology.

Tan said she's excited to be part of the firm's IP team.

"I am thrilled to join Sheppard Mullin and am impressed by the firm's strategic vision and growth of the IP practice. I was also attracted to Sheppard Mullin's California footprint and its strong litigation capabilities statewide, which are key to supporting and growing my practice. I look forward to working closely with my new partners in Palo Alto and throughout the firm," Tan said in a statement.

Tan received her bachelor's and master's degrees in aerospace engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and her law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law.

"Carina joins Sheppard Mullin as part of our ongoing strategic goal to expand our trademark and patent prosecution capabilities in Palo Alto and firmwide," said Stephe S. Korniczky, co-chairman of Sheppard Mullin's IP practice group. "She is an accomplished IP attorney and the latest high-profile lateral partner to join our practice group."

Sheppard Mullin has 30 attorneys based in its Palo Alto office. The firm's IP practice group includes 100 attorneys firmwide.

In 2013, Sheppard Mullin added a number of IP partners, including Lorna Tanner in Palo Alto from Foley & Lardner LLP, Scott Palmer in Beijing from Baker & McKenzie, Mike Heimbold in Century City, Los Angeles, from Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Dave Randall in Los Angeles from Dickstein Shapiro LLP, Jim Soong in Palo Alto from Greenberg Traurig LLP and Laura Burson in Los Angeles from Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

"We are very fortunate to have Carina on board in Palo Alto as we continue to strengthen and deepen our bench of IP attorneys. She is an excellent fit with the office as well as with the firm's entrepreneurial and collegial culture," said Ed Anderson, co-managing partner of Sheppard Mullin's Palo Alto office.

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