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The Daily Journal's Annual List of
Leading Women Lawyers in California

Nancy T. Scull

**Sheppard, Mullin, Richter
& Hampton LLP**

San Diego

Practice Type:
Transactional

Specialty:
Real estate



In April, Scull began a new chapter in her legal career when she moved her successful real estate practice from McKenna, Long & Aldridge LLP to Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP.

"It was an opportunity that I couldn't turn down," Scull said. "Sheppard has an excellent footprint in real estate and business, not only in California, but also in New York, Washington and Chicago, as well as Asia and Europe."

Among her significant matters in the past year, Scull was asked to establish the governance structure for many new mixed-use projects.

One example is the Emeryville Public Market, an urban in-fill transit-oriented project, in the city of Emeryville.

"It will develop and evolve over many years and my challenge is to create a flexible governance structure which will allow it to do so," Scull said.

In another matter, Scull was selected

as national outside counsel for one of the nation's largest investors in residential single family for-rent real estate.

Among her tasks, Scull has handled portfolio acquisitions of thousands of homes, and developed national leasing and brokerage programs and fair-housing policies.

Scull also is continuing to work on several large urban mixed-use town centers throughout California, as well as one of the largest urban transit developments in New Jersey.

This past year, Scull said, "I have seen much activity with construction defect cases impacting the residential development community."

She added, "Since I represent many national and regional residential builders, I have been working with them to adapt their sales contracts and other documents to respond to the many changes which we are seeing in this area of the law."

With the resurgence of residential real estate, Scull said, "I have also been working with clients to help them reflect upon lessons learned from the downturn and implementing programs of best practices to enable them to better respond and avoid any of the pitfalls we saw during the last downturn."

— Pat Broderick