

→ Public Company Corporate Governance and Compliance

Our seasoned team of securities lawyers represent a wide range of public companies in addressing the wide range of disclosure, executive compensation and governance issues that confront public companies. The effective representation of a public company requires more than an understanding of securities laws and stock exchange rules. It requires an appreciation of the business, financial and operational issues confronting our public company clients, including the composition and concerns of their shareholders, directors and members of management. Our corporate governance and compliance lawyers practice throughout our firm's eight offices in California, in New York, Washington, D.C., Europe and Asia, and are organized around the firm's industry groups.

We believe that our clients achieve the best regulatory outcomes and reduce the burden of regulatory interactions when we build relationships of trust with the regulators. We build these relationships by designing client disclosures and actions that are consistent with both the client's needs and the regulatory agenda and by respecting in all of our interactions the knowledge, experience and integrity that the regulators contribute to the healthy functioning of our capital markets.

Our corporate governance and compliance attorneys work closely with attorneys in our government and regulated industries and white collar and criminal defense teams. We believe these close collaborations help our clients improve operating efficiency, prevent legal and regulatory violations, address internally violations that do occur and, where necessary, defend investigations, enforcement actions or litigation brought by governmental and self-regulatory organizations.

Sheppard Mullin lawyers combine their legal and regulatory expertise with industry and client-specific knowledge to help clients deliver their messages accurately and effectively and optimize the benefits of a liquid public market in their securities, for the sake of fulfilling their business missions.