

### Sheppard Mullin Continues Corporate Expansion In Chicago With Capital Markets Partner Alex Schwartz

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP is pleased to announce that Alex Schwartz has joined the firm's Chicago office as a partner in the Corporate and Securities practice group. He also will spend significant time in the firm's Century City office. Schwartz was most recently a corporate partner at Kirkland & Ellis.

Schwartz is the seventh transactional partner to join the firm's Chicago office within the past year. Schwartz, along with recent Chicago partner hires Douglas Swill, Megan Rooney, Julie Marion, Michael Wilson, Adam Marks and Thomas DeSplinter, expand the firm's depth of experience in a variety of sectors including capital markets, healthcare, energy, private equity, public company advisory and tax.

"Continuing to expand our private equity and transactional capabilities in Chicago and firmwide is a strategic focus," said Luca Salvi, chair of Sheppard Mullin. "Alex's broad capital markets experience, particularly for private equity firms, their portfolio companies and public companies, complements and enhances our strategic priorities and adds further depth, expertise and scale to our client resources and capabilities."

John Tishler, co-leader of the firm's Corporate and Securities practice group, added, "Alex is a well-regarded practitioner who brings to the firm a wealth of experience representing public companies and other companies seeking access to debt and equity capital markets. His expertise augments our capabilities to support private equity investments in public companies and capital market portfolio exit transactions. We are thrilled to add him to our rapidly growing transactional team in Chicago."

Schwartz advises companies, private equity firms, venture capital firms and investment banks on going public transactions and routinely advises newly and seasoned public companies and private equity firms on strategic transactions, debt, equity, convertible, preferred and hybrid securities offerings and corporate governance matters. Additionally, Schwartz brings significant experience navigating complex mergers and acquisitions, recapitalizations, liability management exercises and restructurings. Over the span of his career, Schwartz has practiced in a variety of industries, including aerospace and defense, government services, software, telecommunications, artificial intelligence, open source and digital identity, healthcare, life sciences, retail, food and beverage, semiconductors and financial services.

"The depth of Sheppard Mullin's transactional practices, including capabilities to provide top-notch services to public companies, private equity firms, venture capital firms and investment banks, as well as its industry sector-expertise firmwide and in Chicago was immediately attractive," said Schwartz. "I am excited to be part of the Chicago office's continued growth and look forward leveraging Sheppard Mullin's expertise to help my clients continue their growth trajectory."

Schwartz earned his B.A. in Business Economics and a minor in Accounting from the University of California, Los Angeles, and his J.D. from UCLA School of Law, where he was managing editor of the *UCLA Law Review*. He is admitted to practice in California and Illinois.

## About Sheppard Mullin's Corporate and Securities Practice Group

One of the firm's core strengths, Sheppard Mullin's Corporate and Securities practice group, assists clients throughout the United States and abroad in maximizing their business opportunities. We represent clients that range from private to public companies and from startups and emerging businesses to international corporations. We are proud to offer CRADLE TO LIQUIDITY® services. We provide general business legal advice, assist in structuring and implementing major transactions, prepare agreements to address unique business arrangements, and consult with clients to resolve major business and ownership issues. We handle such matters as initial and later-stage venture and other financings; leveraged buyouts and recapitalizations; public offerings; mergers and acquisitions; corporate governance and securities compliance; private equity transactions; real estate capital markets transactions; corporate, LLC and partnership formation; and corporate partnering, joint venture and other strategic alliance arrangements. Because of our diverse client base, we have experience representing substantial entities in complicated multinational and multistate transactions, as well as advising smaller and emerging clients on the full spectrum of business matters.

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## Practice Areas

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