

Finance Partner, Roger Zaitzeff, Joins Sheppard Mullin's Growing New York Office

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Roger Zaitzeff has joined the New York office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the Finance & Bankruptcy practice group. Zaitzeff previously practiced with Swidler Berlin in New York and has over twenty-five years of experience in domestic and international finance and in banking and securities regulatory law.

Zaitzeff represents companies, financial institutions and governmental organizations in the establishment of credit facilities and domestic and international offerings of securities including syndicated offerings. He works on structured financings, asset securitization programs, municipal offerings, securities lending and repurchase agreement programs, commercial paper and medium term note offerings, deposit offerings, acquisition financings, swaps and derivatives, and sovereign debt offerings.

Zaitzeff advises financial institutions on bank regulatory matters as well as securities laws applicable to banks and securities firms and their affiliates including broker-dealer affiliates under the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Government Securities Act, the Investment Company Act of 1940, and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. He provides advice to domestic and foreign financial institutions including domestic and foreign banks on the Federal Reserve Act, the Bank Holding Company Act, the National Bank Act, the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, Gramm-Leach-Bliley, Sarbanes-Oxley, the USA Patriot Act, the Commodity Futures Modernization Act, and other federal and state banking laws.

James J. McGuire, managing partner of the firm's New York office, said, "We are pleased to welcome Roger to Sheppard Mullin. His arrival furthers the firm's strategic growth plans of expanding our New York presence in key practice areas. Roger is the fourth finance partner to join us in New York over the past two months."

"Sheppard Mullin has a well-entrenched finance group nationally which has been the core of the firm's business historically. I am excited to build its presence on the East Coast and look forward to growing the practice with my colleagues in the New York office and across the system," commented Zaitzeff.

"Roger's focus on large sophisticated finance deals and bank and securities law regulatory issues makes him a valuable addition to the group," said Alan Martin, the chair of the Finance & Bankruptcy practice group. "Our business and financial industry experience, combined with talented lawyers such as Roger, makes us a preferred choice for representation by banks and other financial institutions."

Zaitzeff received his law degree from University of California, Berkeley in 1969, an M.A., with distinction, from University of California Berkeley in 1963, and a B.A., *high distinction/high honors/phi beta kappa*, University of Michigan, as a William Jennings Bryan winner and Heller Grant winner, in 1962.

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