

D.C. Corporate Partner Brian Weimer Expands Sheppard Mullin's Communications Team

FCC Specialist Straddles Both Regulatory and Deal Matters Firm Adds Second Transactional Partner This Month

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Brian D. Weimer has joined the Washington, D.C. office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the firm's Corporate practice group and member of the firm's Communications team. Weimer joins Sheppard Mullin from Latham & Watkins in Washington, D.C.

Weimer has wide-ranging experience in telecommunications law, with particular expertise in the satellite, broadcasting and wireless industries. He has represented satellite companies seeking licenses at the FCC as well as private equity groups and other investors seeking to buy satellite companies. Weimer has represented major television networks at the FCC in both rulemaking and enforcement proceedings, as well as on day-to-day regulatory matters. He has also represented numerous clients through all phases of the sale process for radio and TV stations, including structuring transactions as well as drafting and negotiating sale documents. Weimer also has represented investors seeking to acquire wireless companies at auction and provided strategic advice on the availability, uses and value of wireless spectrum.

"Brian is a high-quality attorney and an excellent fit with both our Corporate practice group and Communications team. His expertise in telecommunications matters, which encompasses both regulatory and transactional work, will be of great value to clients," said Guy Halgren, chairman of the firm.

Commented Weimer, "Sheppard Mullin offers an excellent, full-service platform to grow my practice, coupled with a collegial atmosphere that spans practice groups and offices. I am thrilled to be joining the firm. "

"Brian's significant FCC experience is an excellent addition to the regulatory capabilities of our office, which includes government contracts, FDA, labor and aviation. His transactional practice uniquely compliments and expands the breadth of our existing Communications practice, led by D.C. partners Chris Huther and Megan Troy, which is currently litigation-driven," said Ed Schiff, managing partner of Sheppard Mullin's Washington, D.C. office and head of the firm's East Coast Corporate practice.

Weimer's experience includes the following: corporate counsel to Lincoln Financial Group in the sale of its radio properties, regulatory counsel to SAT-GE, the satellite division of General Electric, representing European private equity group BC Partners in its acquisition of a controlling stake in Intelsat, representing the CBS, FOX and NBC television networks in the FCC's media ownership proceeding, and strategic advice to Wall Street investment houses and private equity groups on opportunities in the wireless and satellite industries.

Weimer received a J.D. from Georgetown University in 1995 and a B.A. from University of Chicago in 1990.

Earlier this month, Todd Bissett joined the Shanghai office of Sheppard Mullin as a partner in the firm's Corporate practice group. Bissett joined from O'Melveny & Myers' in Beijing.

Sheppard Mullin has close to 50 attorneys based in its Washington, D.C. office. The firm's Corporate practice group includes more than 100 attorneys firmwide.

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