Sheppard Mullin Adds Los Angeles Corporate Partner James Thompson

Firm Continues 2015 Corporate Practice Group Expansion
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James J. Thompson has joined Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the firm's Corporate practice group, based in the firm's Los Angeles office. Thompson joins from Snell & Wilmer.

"James has a strong, diverse corporate practice and will be a great addition to the firm. His considerable knowledge and expertise in M&A, emerging growth and private equity makes him a significant asset for the firm and our clients," said Jon W. Newby, vice chairman of Sheppard Mullin.

"I am excited to join Sheppard Mullin. The depth and breadth of the firm's corporate practice, as well as the firm's dominance in the Los Angeles market, were very attractive to me. I have also been impressed by the firm's collegial culture and entrepreneurial spirit, which add to the firm's terrific platform as the place to further build my practice," Thompson commented.

Thompson focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, private placements, reorganizations, emerging growth companies, and corporate governance matters. He represents clients in a variety of industries, including technology, e-commerce and the Internet, healthcare, oil and gas, plastics, biotechnology, real estate, entertainment, education, financial services, retail and consulting industries.

Thompson received a J.D. from University of Southern California Law School in 1998 and a B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Georgetown University in 1995.

Sheppard Mullin has 245 attorneys based in Los Angeles (175 Downtown and 70 Century City). The firm's Corporate practice group includes 150 attorneys firmwide.

Thompson is the tenth Corporate partner to join Sheppard Mullin in 2015. Last month, Corporate partner Jeffrey Kateman joined Sheppard Mullin in the firm's Century City office from Latham & Watkins. In August, Craig Mordock joined the Corporate practice group in Sheppard Mullin's Orange County office from Jones Day. In July, Sheppard Mullin added Corporate partners Joe Daniels and Johneth Park. Daniels joined the firm's New York office from Loeb & Loeb and Park joined in Seoul from Simpson Thacher. In June, the firm added Corporate partners Steve Chananie and Hwan Kim. Chananie joined the firm's New York office from Garfunkel Wild and Kim joined in Washington, D.C. from Squire Patton Boggs. In April, Corporate partners Mike McKinnon in Orange County and Adam Ettinger in Century City joined from Greenberg Traurig and Strategic Counsel Corp.,

respectively. In March, the firm added Corporate partner Andy Felner in New York. Felner joined Sheppard Mullin from FDX Capital LLC/FDX Offshore LLC.

Attorneys

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