

Former Federal Prosecutor Joins Sheppard Mullin in New York

Michael Gilbert Expands Firm's White Collar Capabilities

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP is pleased to announce that Michael J. Gilbert has joined the firm's New York office as a partner in the Government Contracts, Investigations and International Trade practice group. Gilbert joins from Dechert LLP in New York and is the 11th partner to join the firm this year.

"We enthusiastically welcome Michael to the firm," said MaryJeanette Dee, Sheppard Mullin managing partner. "He has an impressive background, including experience as a former federal prosecutor and in private practice. Michael will add immediate value to our nationally recognized Government Contracts and Investigations practice."

Jeff Kern, Sheppard Mullin New York office managing partner added, "Michael's reputation and accomplishments strengthen our white collar capabilities in New York in a significant way. With the possibility of a resurgence of white collar investigations and prosecutions under the Biden Administration, Michael's keen ability to navigate complex government investigations will be invaluable to our clients in New York and firmwide."

Gilbert, a former federal prosecutor, served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) in the Southern District of New York prior to entering private practice. While serving as an AUSA, he investigated and prosecuted matters involving a wide variety of federal criminal laws, including mail and wire fraud, bribery, healthcare fraud and violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). He represented the government in numerous jury trials and argued appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

In private practice, Gilbert has focused on government and internal investigations and white collar criminal defense. He advises individuals and companies in a range of industries – including financial services, healthcare, life sciences, fintech and cryptocurrency – in navigating sensitive, complex government investigations conducted by a range of enforcement authorities, including the U.S. Attorney's Offices for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the Enforcement Division of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the New York Attorney General's Office, the New York City Department of Investigation, and the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. He has also represented individuals and entities in connection with matters under investigation by regulators and enforcement authorities in other countries, including Canada, Hong Kong, Luxembourg, and the United Kingdom. Gilbert has extensive experience with FCPA matters and is regularly consulted about FCPA issues in the context of transactions such as potential mergers and acquisitions. He has extensive experience with criminal tax investigations. Gilbert also litigates civil cases, including cases arising under the False Claims Act.

Gilbert earned his B.A., *cum laude*, from Tufts University and his J.D., *magna cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*, from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he also served as Comments Editor of the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*. Following law school, Gilbert clerked in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and on the Second Circuit.

About Sheppard Mullin's Government Contracts, Investigations and International Trade practice group

Sheppard Mullin's Government Contracts, Investigations & International Trade practice group provides a full range of legal services to clients that do business with governmental entities. We advise clients on complying with complex government regulations and defending them in the event of litigation. We specialize in handling government contract disputes, bid protests, claims and defending individuals and corporations in a wide range of administrative, civil and criminal proceedings, including fraud investigations and whistleblower lawsuits. Sheppard Mullin also has the ability to serve clients in such areas as legislative advocacy, public relations and other related fields.

Practice Areas

False Claims Act

Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA)

White Collar Defense and Investigations