

## Sheppard Mullin Continues Healthcare Team Expansion

### Chicago Partner Douglas Swill Brings Significant Health System Transactional Capabilities

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP is pleased to announce that Healthcare partner Douglas B. Swill has joined the firm's Chicago office. With 230 attorneys across the country, Sheppard Mullin's Healthcare industry team is growing rapidly. Swill is the 14<sup>th</sup> lateral partner to join Sheppard Mullin's Healthcare team over the last three years. He was most recently a partner at Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP.

"We are thrilled to welcome Doug to the firm," said Luca Salvi, chair of Sheppard Mullin. "He has deep experience and a strong track record of helping a broad array of healthcare clients grow and innovate through strategic mergers, affiliations and alliances, including in-market as well as cross-market transactions, that align with their business goals and vision, while also navigating the slalom course of federal and state regulatory and corporate governance issues."

Swill has over three decades of experience leading complex transactions for non-profit and for-profit health systems, hospitals and medical groups and facilitating health system combinations, joint ventures and private equity investment. He has advised non-profit health and hospital systems throughout the United States in M&A every year for the last 30 years. During the same period, he advised health systems and hospitals as well as medical groups in numerous physician and medical group acquisitions and roll-ups, and advised on related corporate structuring for physician integration, alignment and physician compensation arrangements.

"I'm excited to be joining a firm whose comprehensive healthcare practice will allow me to do impactful work for new and existing clients during these challenging but strategic times for health systems," Swill said. "I have had the privilege to represent healthcare institutions in Chicago, throughout Illinois and around the country, and the depth and spectrum of experience at Sheppard Mullin as well as the deep understanding of value- and risk-based reimbursement issues in the industry is like no other firm."

Sheppard Mullin's healthcare team has significant experience in the hospital and health system sector as evident by the 18 hospital purchase and sale transactions the team has advised on over the last 18 months, including the most recent: UCI Health's acquisition of Tenet Healthcare Corporation's Pacific Coast Network. The firm has been adding capabilities to provide clients with a full-service hospital and health service solution, including healthcare antitrust, regulatory, real estate, technology transactions and digital health/AI, labor and employment, non-profit governance, tax including tax-exemption, and physician alignment. Swill is the latest example of the firm continuing to grow this area of its practice.

"In today's healthcare environment, continuing to grow our practice with practitioners with deep roots in the field to support these needs for our clients is a priority for the firm. Doug is widely respected for his ability to understand the landscape of value-based healthcare industry and help clients take advantage of opportunities

to provide premium care and sustainable financial performance,” said Eric Klein, Sheppard Mullin’s Healthcare industry team leader.

Jeralin Cardoso, leader of the firm’s Corporate practice, remarked, “There is a growing need for attorneys with Doug’s capabilities to facilitate high-stakes transactions for our clients. Doug’s experience makes him a timely addition to expand our M&A capabilities.”

Swill received his B.A. from Muhlenberg College, his J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis and his LL.M. in Health Law from Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

## **About Sheppard Mullin’s Healthcare Industry Team**

Sheppard Mullin’s 200+ attorney, full service, diverse, national healthcare industry team has been named a Health Care Practice Group of the Year by *Law360* three times in seven years. Working in all sectors of healthcare nationally with industry-leading and growing companies, disruptive start-up clients and healthcare-focused investors, Sheppard Mullin is known for innovative transactions and joint ventures, regulatory solutions, population health management, global risk and value-based contracting, technology transactions/privacy and a full-service team offering significant experience in cybersecurity, tax, non-profit, employment and labor, real estate, artificial intelligence, antitrust, litigation and finance.

## **About Sheppard Mullin’s Corporate and Securities Practice**

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; SEC 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.

## **Attorneys**

Douglas B. Swill

## **Practice Areas**

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Healthcare