

Corporate Partner Kevin Rooney Joins Sheppard Mullin Silicon Valley

Dealmaking Expert Expands Firm's Bay Area Transactional Practice

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Kevin K. Rooney has joined the Silicon Valley office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the firm's Corporate practice group. Rooney most recently practiced at Hayden Bergman & Rooney in San Francisco, as a name partner. Previously, Rooney was an attorney with Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Professional Corporation in Palo Alto and Davies Ward Phillips & Vineburg LLP in Toronto.

Rooney's practice focuses on a wide variety of corporate, securities and related matters, in particular, mergers and acquisitions and public and private financing transactions. He has represented many leading Silicon Valley and Bay Area public and private companies. In addition, Rooney has represented a number of Canadian technology and growth companies in U.S. transactions and offerings.

"Kevin has an impressive dealmaking background and has worked on numerous complex M&A, capital markets and private equity transactions. He adds significant depth to our corporate capabilities in Silicon Valley and San Francisco. Through more than a decade of private practice both here and in Canada, Kevin has acquired marquee experience as the lead attorney or laboring oar on significant public company technology M&A and capital markets transactions, said Guy N. Halgren, chairman of the firm.

"With Kevin's skills, energy and entrepreneurial spirit, the Silicon Valley office, honored in 2009 and 2010 as one of the Best Places to Work in the Bay Area by the *San Francisco Business Times* and the *Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal*, is now an even better place to work," said Marc A. Sockol, managing partner of the Silicon Valley office.

"I am excited to join Sheppard Mullin, a top-notch full service firm with a strong corporate practice both in the Bay Area and throughout the state," Rooney commented. "I look forward to helping expand the firm's corporate practice in the Bay Area and specifically Silicon Valley."

Rooney is an Adjunct Professor at USF School of Law and a Lecturer at UC HAAS School of Business (MBA). Additionally, he is an Advisory Board Member (Ontario) to the TSX Venture Exchange.

Rooney received a LL.B. from Dalhousie University Law School (Canada) in 1999 and a B.A.Sc. *with honors*, from University of Waterloo (Canada) in Mechanical Engineering with a Management Science Option.

Sheppard Mullin has more than 100 attorneys based in its Bay Area offices. The firm's Corporate practice group includes 100 attorneys firmwide.

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