

Leading Finance Attorney Christine Swanick Joins Sheppard Mullin New York

Native American Law Specialist Brings Tribal-Related Financing Expertise

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Christine L. Swanick has joined Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the firm's Finance and Bankruptcy practice group, and will be based in the firm's New York office. Swanick joins from Dorsey & Whitney in New York, where she co-chaired the firm's Indian Law group.

Swanick concentrates her practice in the area of commercial financing and other credit transactions, including commercial loans, syndicated credit facilities, note and bond financings and debt restructurings, especially in the area of Native American tribe-related financing projects. She also represents tribes and entities doing business with tribes in contractual, gaming, regulatory and economic development matters. Prior to joining Dorsey, Swanick practiced as an in-house attorney for tribes in Michigan, Arizona and Colorado. Her clients include leading financial institutions and Native American tribes.

"Christine is a perfect practice group fit from both a business and personal perspective. As a nationally recognized Native American law expert, she adds depth to our finance practice and her focus on tribal gaming complements our existing capabilities in that practice specialty. Christine is also an excellent addition to both our growing transactional practice in New York and to our national finance practice, as she does deals countrywide and shares existing firm clients," said Guy N. Halgren, chairman of Sheppard Mullin.

"I am thrilled to be joining Sheppard Mullin. The firm's commitment to its Native American practice and to further growing such practice, together with its breadth of financing expertise will enhance the legal services I can provide to my clients. Equally impressive are the dynamic and talented lawyers at Sheppard Mullin. Supported by the firm's entrepreneurial culture, collegial atmosphere and transparent management structure, I look forward to the superior legal work we will perform for our clients," Swanick commented.

Swanick received her J.D. from University of Arizona in 1995 and a B.A., *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, from Boston College in 1990. She has been ranked since 2008 by Chambers USA as a "Leading Individual" in Native American Law and is currently recognized among the Best Lawyers in America.

Sheppard Mullin has more than 40 attorneys based in its New York office. The firm's Finance and Bankruptcy practice group includes more than 60 attorneys firmwide.

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Practice Areas

Commercial Lending and Financial Transactions