

Sheppard Mullin Continues its New York Expansion With Three Partners

Corporate, Labor & Employment, and White Collar Defense Experts Bring Additional Depth and Breadth To Key Practice Areas; Firm Adds Seven Attorney Employment Law Group

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John R. Hempill, Jack Kiley and MaryJeanette Dee have joined Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as partners in the firm's New York office. Hempill joins as a member of the Corporate practice group from Morrison Foerster, where he was a former co-chair of the Emerging Companies & Venture Capital group. Kiley joins as a member of the Labor and Employment practice group from Kelley Drye & Warren, where he chaired the Labor and Employment practice group. Dee joins as a member of the Business Trial practice group from Richards Kibbe & Orbe, where she was a member of the executive committee. Joining Kiley at Sheppard Mullin from Kelley Drye & Warren is a six-attorney Labor and Employment group.

"John, Jack and MaryJeanette are terrific additions to the firm. Their respective practice expertise and backgrounds are a perfect fit with the New York office, as well as firmwide. We continue to grow our New York office and expand our bench to better serve clients' transactional and litigation needs," said Guy N. Halgren, chairman of Sheppard Mullin.

"We have been working hard to solidify our presence in NYC. We are very pleased to expand our office with a number of new attorneys. John, Jack and MaryJeanette are amazing attorneys and people. In addition, we are adding significant new associate talent to support our growing NY practices," commented Blaine Templeman, managing partner of Sheppard Mullin's 57-attorney New York office.

Hempill counsels numerous companies in a variety of industries. He has extensive experience in private and public finance, ranging from representing private emerging growth companies, venture capital funds and strategic investors in seed rounds and later stage private financings, to representing public companies and investment banks in public offerings, as well as 144A and PIPEs financings. Hempill is also an experienced mergers and acquisitions lawyer for both public and private companies, having advised clients in acquisitions and dispositions of assets as well as other types of negotiated business combinations. He has represented venture capital and other funds in their formation and capitalization. John's practice also involves negotiating and documenting strategic alliances and joint ventures, and providing advice on corporate governance. Hempill also has extensive experience with reorganization matters, both in and out of court. He represents the Circuit of the Americas and recently completed a series of financings on its behalf that were used to construct the first purpose-built Grand Prix facility in the U.S. Hempill received a J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1982 and an A.B. from University of Chicago in 1979.

Kiley represents management in all areas of labor and employment law, from advice and counseling to litigation to collective bargaining. His representative clients range from *Fortune* 100 corporations to not-for-profit agencies. Kiley expands the firm's capabilities in areas such as securities arbitrations, labor union organizing, contract negotiations and board proceedings. He has litigated and arbitrated numerous cases in federal and state courts and before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and American Arbitration Association (AAA). Kiley has successfully defended against organizing campaigns, represented employers in collective bargaining and defended against NLRB proceedings. He also routinely partners with human resource professionals, management and in-house counsel in providing consultation, advice and training on all matters having labor and employment implications, including legal compliance issues, employee performance management, reductions-in-force and facility closings, employment contracts and union awareness. Kiley received a J.D. from Fordham University School of Law in 1989 and a B.A. from Amherst College in 1984.

Dee concentrates on internal investigations and regulatory and white collar criminal defense. She has conducted numerous internal investigations for board committees and management into a wide variety of allegations, including improper revenue recognition, accounting irregularities, misuse of confidential information, insider trading and other securities fraud, embezzlement, retail brokerage sales practice violations, soft dollar programs, trading and position valuation issues, and compliance with Rule 105/Regulation M. Dee also frequently represents banks, broker-dealers, investment advisers, corporate officers, securities professionals, lawyers and other individuals in connection with investigations and inquiries by the U.S. Attorney's Offices for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the SEC, FINRA, the Office of the Attorney General for the State of New York and other governmental entities and self-regulatory organizations. In 1993, she served as Special District Attorney in the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office in Massachusetts. Dee obtained convictions in bench and jury trials for credit card fraud, aggravated assault, stalking and other felony crimes. Dee received a J.D., *cum laude*, from Harvard Law School in 1990 and a B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Wells College.

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Practice Areas

Corporate

Labor and Employment

Litigation