

Corporate Partner Johneth Park Joins Sheppard Mullin Seoul

Latest Corporate Practice Group Addition Brings Capital Market Expertise; Further Extends Firm's Korean Practice

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Johneth Chongseo Park has joined Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the firm's Corporate practice group, based in the firm's Seoul office. Park joins from Simpson Thacher.

Park's primary areas of concentration include capital markets, mergers and acquisitions and private equity transactions. He has extensive experience representing corporate, financial and government-affiliated clients in Korea-related work as well as work in other jurisdictions. Park is a native speaker of Korean.

Park has worked on securities offerings by a wide range of Korean issuers, including The Republic of Korea, The Export-Import Bank of Korea, Korea Electric Power Corporation, Korea Hydro-Nuclear Power, Korea Western Power, Korea Midland Power, Korea East-West Power, Korea South-East Power, Korea Gas Corporation, Korea Expressway Corporation, Korea Land & Housing Corporation, Cheil Industries, Samsung Life Insurance, Shinhan Financial Group, Shinhan Bank, Hyundai Motors, Hyundai Capital Services, Hyundai Card, POSCO, POSCO Engineering & Construction, POSCO Specialty Steel, STX, SK Telecom, Gravity, WiderThan and C&M, among others, and periodic SEC reporting by KEPCO and Shinhan Financial Group.

Park has also worked on a number of M&A and private equity transactions, including the sale of a controlling stake in a subsidiary by STX Offshore & Shipbuilding, investments by Goldman Sachs PIA in a number of Korean companies, investments by Citadel in a number of PRC-based companies, private equity investments into Yingli Green Energy, acquisition of MSK Corporation by Suntech, acquisition financing involving Citi and C&M, the acquisition of Andover Bancorp by Banknorth Group, and acquisitions of brokerage firm by Boston Financial Holdings, among others.

"We are excited to welcome Johneth to our Seoul office. His valuable expertise in capital markets and other corporate transactions complement and supplement our current capabilities in Seoul and across our firm globally. Johneth's deep knowledge with respect to sophisticated cross-border transactions will greatly benefit our existing Korean and other clients," said Jon W. Newby, vice chairman of Sheppard Mullin.

"I am very pleased to join Sheppard Mullin. The strength and breadth of the firm's corporate practice was very attractive to me. I was also impressed by the firm's collegial culture, entrepreneurial spirit and thriving Seoul office," Park commented.

Park received a J.D., from Georgetown University Law Center in 2000, a M.A. from Columbia University in 1995 and a B.A., *cum laude*, from Harvard University in 1991.

Also today, Sheppard Mullin added Joe Daniels to the Corporate practice group in the firm's New York office. Daniels joins from Loeb& Loeb.

Last month, Hwan Kim joined Sheppard Mullin as a partner in the firm's Corporate practice group, based in the firm's Washington, D.C. office. Kim, who joined from Squire Patton Boggs, will also be regularly spending time in Sheppard Mullin's Seoul office.

In April, Sheppard Mullin's Corporate practice group added partners Mike McKinnon in Orange County and Adam Ettinger in Century City. McKinnon joined from Greenberg Traurig and Ettinger joined from Strategic Counsel Corp. where he was managing partner. In March, Sheppard Mullin added Corporate partner Andy Felner in New York. Felner joined Sheppard Mullin from FDX Capital LLC/FDX Offshore LLC, where he was co-founder and managing partner of the financial advisory firm and affiliated merchant bank, and where he will remain as a board member.

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