

Sheppard Mullin Adds Bankruptcy Partner Justin Bernbrock In Chicago

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP is pleased to announce that Justin R. Bernbrock has joined the firm's Finance and Bankruptcy practice group as a partner in the Chicago office. Bernbrock joins from Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

"Justin's experience complements and further diversifies our existing Bankruptcy practice," said Jon Newby, vice chairman of Sheppard Mullin. "Our clients look to us for guidance during challenging economic climates like the one we are going through now. Justin's extensive work on a wide range of restructuring matters is exactly the kind of practical, real-world know-how that will be invaluable to our clients. What's more, Justin's military background makes him uniquely suited to provide time-critical, crisis-management advice in any distressed situation."

"As a creative problem solver, Justin is a trusted advisor to clients and his substantial Chapter 11 debtor experience is an excellent fit with our marquee bankruptcy practice," said Edward H. Tillinghast, III, leader of the firm's Finance and Bankruptcy practice group.

Larry Eppley, Sheppard Mullin's Chicago managing partner added, "Our Chicago office is busy and growing and Justin is an outstanding addition. His focus on client service and proven ability to deliver unique client solutions that solve complex problems make him the perfect fit for us."

Bernbrock concentrates his practice on all aspects of corporate restructuring, bankruptcy and financial distress. He represents clients across a wide range of matters, including debtor and creditor representations. He has substantial experience in out-of-court and in-court restructurings, primarily in the Southern District of New York, Eastern District of Virginia, District of Delaware and Southern District of Texas. Prior to private practice, Bernbrock served with distinction as an Aviation Warfare Systems Operator in Patrol Squadron FIVE and as a Weapons Tactics Instructor in Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing ELEVEN. During his nearly 10 years of active duty in the United States Navy, Bernbrock was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal twice, including once for meritorious service during combat operations in Iraq. He also received the Global War on Terrorism Medal for his service in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Bernbrock earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Illinois College of Law, and his B.S., *summa cum laude*, from Southern Illinois University.

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Practice Areas

Bankruptcy and Restructuring