

## Sheppard Mullin Continues Healthcare Practice Expansion With Partner Carolyn Metnick

### Metnick Deepens Healthcare Privacy Capabilities in Chicago and Firmwide

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Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP is pleased to announce that Carolyn V. Metnick has joined the firm's Chicago office as a partner. Metnick will be a member of both the firm's Healthcare and Privacy & Cybersecurity practices. Metnick previously was a partner at McDermott Will & Emery LLP.

Metnick advises on healthcare regulatory and transactional matters, where she focuses on the security and privacy of health information. She represents a wide range of clients in the healthcare industry, including hospitals, health systems, physician organizations and digital health companies. She advises on healthcare regulatory and transactional matters, HIPAA and HITECH and state laws including the California Consumer Privacy Act and data breach notification laws. Metnick's support to clients in their joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, healthcare regulatory, and breach matters is informed by her background as a litigator.

"As the healthcare industry continues to embrace digital technologies, there is a growing need for regulatory attorneys with an expertise in privacy and cybersecurity law. We are thrilled that Carolyn is joining our esteemed Healthcare and Privacy and Cybersecurity teams, where her unique knowledge and experience will help our healthcare clients grow and innovate," said Luca Salvi, chair of Sheppard Mullin.

"Data security and privacy continues to be a top concern for the healthcare industry," said Healthcare industry team leader Eric Klein. "Carolyn will increase our bench strength in these core areas for our healthcare clients."

Metnick is the 13<sup>th</sup> lateral partner to join Sheppard Mullin's Healthcare team over the last two years, underscoring the firm's commitment to growing this priority practice. "We plan to continue to add top-tier lawyers like Carolyn to our first-in-class healthcare practice at Sheppard Mullin," Klein further remarked.

"We are delighted to welcome Carolyn," said Liisa Thomas, the Chicago office managing partner and Privacy & Cybersecurity team co-leader. "She is part of a growing team of dynamic women healthcare and privacy lawyers in Chicago whose in-demand skills and experience will continue to benefit our clients and firm."

Metnick is a Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US) and a Certified Information Privacy Professional/Europe (CIPP/E). She is consistently recognized as a leader in her field by *Chambers* and *Best Lawyers in America*. Metnick was president of the Illinois Association of Healthcare Attorneys in 2019 and served on its board from 2014-2020. She earned her B.A. from the University of Chicago; her J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law; and her LL.M. from Loyola University of Chicago School of Law.

## About Sheppard Mullin's Healthcare Industry Team

Sheppard Mullin's 200+ attorney, full service, diverse, national healthcare industry team has been named a Health Care Practice Group of the Year by *Law360* three times in seven years. Working in all sectors of healthcare nationally with industry-leading and growing companies, disruptive start-up clients and healthcare-focused investors, Sheppard Mullin is known for innovative transactions and joint ventures, regulatory solutions, population health management, global risk and value-based contracting, technology transactions/privacy and a full-service team offering significant experience in cybersecurity, tax, non-profit, employment and labor, real estate, artificial intelligence, antitrust, litigation and finance.

## About Sheppard Mullin's Privacy & Cybersecurity Team

Sheppard Mullin's global, interdisciplinary Privacy & Cybersecurity team includes some of the most respected lawyers in the privacy space, a lawyer who literally "wrote the book" on data breach and award-winning privacy class action litigation practitioners. Many of our team members are CIPP-US and CIPP-EU certified by the IAPP, and our practitioners not only regularly speak at IAPP events, but also serve as trainers for the organization, underscoring our commitment to the privacy field. Sheppard Mullin's Privacy team accolades include being named *Law360's* Cybersecurity & Privacy Practice Group of the Year, and highly ranked by *Legal 500 USA* (Cyber Law), *Legal 500 Europe* (EU Data Protection) and one of only 25 firms ranked in the inaugural *Above The Law's* Top Law Firm Privacy Practice Index.

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