

Sheppard Mullin Hires Ex-Greenberg Traurig M&A, Health Pro

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Law360, Los Angeles (April 23, 2015, 6:04 PM ET) -- Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP has added to its Orange County, California, office a former Greenberg Traurig LLP attorney with expertise in securities law and mergers and acquisitions in the health care and life sciences industries, the firm said recently.

Michael G. McKinnon joined Sheppard Mullin as a partner on Tuesday, the firm said. McKinnon's experience in corporate and securities law will bolster the firm's existing capabilities in Orange County, a hub for fast-growing and mature life sciences and health companies, according to the firm.

"We are very pleased to welcome Mike to our Orange County office," firm Vice Chairman Jon W. Newby said in a statement. "His corporate transactional practice mix, which includes a health care and life sciences industry focus, is both complementary and supplementary to our existing capabilities."

McKinnon has advised clients in acquiring or investing in medical device companies, medical groups and physician practices, preferred provider organization networks and more, Sheppard Mullin said. He also serves as outside general counsel for medical device firms and large health systems.

Before private practice, McKinnon worked as in-house counsel for Apria Healthcare and InSight Health Services Corp., handling the companies' acquisition, joint ventures and securities matters, Sheppard Mullin said.

"The strength and breadth of the corporate and health care practices, coupled with the firm's California presence, were very attractive to me," McKinnon said in a statement. "I was also impressed by the firm's collegial culture and thriving Orange County office."

McKinnon joins the firm's 65-attorney Orange County office and its 150-attorney corporate practice group firmwide.

That group also added former Strategic Counsel Corp. managing partner Adam Ettinger to its Century City, California, office earlier in April, according to the firm.

Additionally, Sheppard Mullin earlier this year bolstered its California state and local tax practice with two new hires, bringing on a former Jones Day partner and a vice president at the Council on State Taxation, the firm announced in January.

Partner Robert Waldow, who has worked at Jones Day and Heller Ehrman LLP, works from Sheppard Mullin's Orange County office, while special counsel Greg Turner is based in Sacramento, California. Before serving at COST, Turner was of counsel at Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni LLP and general counsel at the California Taxpayer's Association.

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