

Sheppard Mullin Adds Employment Pro From Dykema

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Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP has added a former Dykema Gossett PLLC employment attorney as a partner in its Chicago office, the firm has announced.

Jill S. Vorobiev will be a part of the firm's labor and employment practice group, where she is expected to rely on her experience representing individuals and employers in trade secret misappropriation and noncompete cases in state and federal courts, Sheppard Mullin announced on Dec. 14.

Vorobiev advises employers on matters such as restrictive covenant agreements, federal and state labor and employment laws, civil rights laws and rejection and modification of labor contracts and retiree benefits, according to her firm.

She has also worked on negotiations and litigation in bankruptcy cases, has regularly trained and counseled employers on various types of compliance matters and has reviewed and drafted employment policies, executive employment agreements, noncompete and confidentiality agreements and severance agreements, according to Sheppard Mullin.

"In addition to the strength of the firm's employment practice, I was attracted by ... management's commitment to support and grow it further," Vorobiev said in a statement. "I have also been impressed by Sheppard Mullin's collaborative culture and entrepreneurial spirit, which add to the firm's outstanding platform as the place to further build my practice."

Vorobiev's practice focuses on labor and employment litigation, as she represents corporate clients in state and federal courts as well as before administrative agencies, according to the firm.

"Jill is a talented and versatile labor and employment practitioner," Robert S. Beall, Sheppard Mullin's managing partner, said in a statement. "She has both a robust litigation and a dedicated counseling practice. Her considerable knowledge and experience makes her a significant addition for the firm and our clients."

Her experience includes matters under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the False Claims Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the Age Discrimination in



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Employment Act and the National Labor Relations Act, according to the firm.

Vorobiev received her undergraduate degree from Amherst College and her law degree from Notre Dame Law School.

Sheppard Mullin has 20 attorneys based in Chicago, 110 lawyers in its labor and employment practice group and 760 attorneys overall in 15 offices in the U.S, Europe and Asia, according to the firm.

“We are thrilled to welcome Jill to the office,” Lawrence C. Eppley, the firm’s Chicago managing partner, said in a statement. “She adds depth and breadth to our vibrant labor and employment practice as we continue to grow the Chicago office.”

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