

Sheppard Mullin Nabs 2 Ex-Dechert Competition Attys

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Law360, New York (November 24, 2015, 3:40 PM ET) -- Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP has added two former Dechert LLP competition attorneys as partners who will work out of its Brussels office, the firm announced on Monday.

Isabelle Rahman and Wim Vandenberghe will join Sheppard Mullin's European Union competition and regulatory practice in Brussels, where they are expected to help the firm's offerings toward companies seeking counsel on competition matters on the continent.

"We have made a decisive move to bring together a superb team of EU competition and regulatory lawyers to offer our growing international client base a practice with an extraordinary depth of experience and breadth of qualifications," said Guy Halgren, chairman of Sheppard Mullin, in a statement. "The addition of Isabelle and Wim further demonstrates our commitment to serve our clients at the top level of EU competition."

Rahman regularly advises clients in industries such as chemicals, life sciences, aviation and consumer products on business compliance issues related to pricing practices, distribution, licensing and joint ventures, according to the firm. She also represents clients in EU and national cartel proceedings as well as merger proceedings.

"I am extremely pleased to join Sheppard Mullin, it will be a pleasure to work with its first class EU and competition specialists in Brussels," said Rahman in a statement. "With this team, Sheppard Mullin is well set to become a key player on the European and global competition scene and we are thrilled to be part of this."

Vandenberghe specializes in EU regulatory law as well as competition law, according to Sheppard Mullin. He counsels clients on various internal market regulatory issues impacting products in industries such as industrial equipment, pesticides, consumer products and medical devices. Vandenberghe has particular expertise in regulated industries, such as the energy sector, according to his firm.

"This is an exciting opportunity, as my practice in EU competition law and regulatory law fits in perfectly with Sheppard Mullin," Vandenberghe said in a statement. "I look forward to working with these first class colleagues for top global clients."



Isabelle Rahman



Wim Vandenberghe

Rahman received her undergraduate degree from Pantheon-Assas University and her law degree from Oxford University.

Vandenberghe received his Bachelor of Laws degree from Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and Masters of Laws degrees from the University of Edinburgh and from the University of Dundee, Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy.

Sheppard Mullin has 740 attorneys in 15 offices in the U.S., Europe and Asia.

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