

Sheppard Mullin Adds Ex-Loeb & Loeb Corporate Atty

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Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP has added a former Loeb & Loeb LLP attorney — experienced in mergers and acquisitions, IPOs and other transactions in industries including life sciences, banking, telecommunications, e-commerce and private equity — as a partner in its New York-based corporate practice group, the firm said Monday.

Attorney Joseph F. Daniels comes to the firm with expertise representing startups, life science and consumer companies, venture capital and private equity funds, and investment banks in financing, mergers and acquisitions, IPOs and other public offerings, Sheppard Mullin said.

“We are very pleased to welcome Joe, who brings additional emerging company and venture capital expertise to our New York offices,” Sheppard Mullin vice chairman Jon W. Newby said in a statement. “His transactional practice mix, which includes VC financings, M&A, public offerings and buyouts, is both complementary and supplementary to our existing capabilities.”



Joseph F. Daniels

A 1992 graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, Daniels received his law degree from the University of Southern California’s Gould School of Law in 1996.

He was drawn to Sheppard Mullin by the range of its practice.

“I was attracted to Sheppard Mullin’s successful corporate practice group growth on the East Coast, as well as the breadth and depth of the firm’s full-service capabilities throughout the U.S. and globally,” Daniels said in a statement.

“I look forward to participating in the firm’s efforts to continue its expansion in the New York market, and the growth of its emerging company and VC practice firmwide.”

Daniels has advised companies and private equity firms in handling over \$5 billion of deals transactions, according to Shepard Mullin. He has also represented both issuers and underwriters in more than 25 IPOs and follow-on offerings, including Credit Suisse, Morgan Stanley and Oppenheimer.

He also serves as outside general counsel for companies in their business transactions, focusing on clients in a number of different fields, including biotech, telecommunications and e-commerce.

"Joe joins Sheppard Mullin as part of our ongoing strategic goal to continue building our transactional capabilities in New York and firm wide. He is an accomplished corporate and capital markets attorney and VC insider," Shon Glusky, co-chair of Sheppard Mullin's corporate practice group, said in a statement. "We have gained significant market share on the East Coast in recent years and Joe's decision to join us is terrific evidence of our continued momentum."

In addition to his work with the firm, Daniels has organized and spoken at a number of business events, including events sponsored by the Association of Fintech Professionals, the Harvard Business School Alumni Angels and the Entrepreneur's Roundtable, and he teaches classes at business incubators throughout the country.

Sheppard Mullin's atmosphere was also a draw for Daniels in his decision to join the firm.

"I am impressed with the opportunity and camaraderie at the firm, which will be a terrific platform for further growing my practice," he said.

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