

Sheppard Mullin Adds Ex-Jackson Lewis Atty To Labor Team

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Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP has added a partner to its labor and employment practice group who led Jackson Lewis PC's government relations practice, the firm has announced.

Sheppard Mullin said in a July 19 statement that Garen E. Dodge had joined its Washington, D.C., office after leading Jackson Lewis' government relations practice and co-coordinated the firm's government contracts and background checks industry groups.



Garen E. Dodge

Dodge advises clients on issues involving privacy, discrimination, background checks, harassment, wage and hour, and occupational safety and health, according to Sheppard Mullin. He has also represented clients on matters relating to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act, helps companies establish workplace programs, and trains supervisors and employees on effective personnel policies, the firm said.

Sheppard Mullin Chairman Guy N. Halgren said in the firm's statement that Dodge is a renowned labor and employment law attorney with a national reputation.

"He has tremendous experience handling complex litigations on a wide range of employment matters, which will be invaluable to our clients and attorneys," Halgren said. "His dedication to client service is a perfect fit with our culture. In addition, his expertise in representing employers doing business with various federal, state and local government agencies should be an ideal complement to the firm's nationally renowned government contracts practice."

Dodge added that Sheppard Mullin is "a top-notch employment practice. I've been particularly impressed with the strength and breadth of the firm's diverse practice areas, which will greatly benefit my clients. The firm's successful expansion and entrepreneurial culture were very attractive to me."

Dodge earned a J.D. from William & Mary Law School in 1982 and a B.A. summa cum laude from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in 1979, the firm said.

He has served as counsel of record in key U.S. Supreme Court and appellate cases as amicus curiae and has testified before agencies such as the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, according to Sheppard Mullin.

Sheppard Mullin said it has 70 attorneys in its Washington office, and the firm's labor and employment practice includes 115 attorneys firmwide.

In June, Michael Paddock, previously of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, joined Sheppard Mullin's Washington office as a partner in its corporate practice group, the firm said.

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