

## **PRESS RELEASE: James T. Shearin Named as Pullman & Comley Chairman**

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BRIDGEPORT, Conn.: James T. Shearin has been named as chairman of Pullman & Comley, LLC, the law firm announced today. Mr. Shearin was appointed to the position on September 16 and succeeds D. Robert Morris in the role.

Mr. Shearin, who is known as Tim, joined Pullman & Comley in September, 1988, and has served in leadership roles at the firm for the past two decades. He has served on the Executive Committee since 1998 and as chair of the Litigation Department since 1995. He has wide-ranging experience in federal and state courts, at both the trial and appellate levels, and before arbitration and mediation boards representing clients in the areas of commercial and business, intellectual property, internet piracy and computer crimes, banking, securities, antitrust, products liability and general civil litigation.

Mr. Shearin has been the recipient of numerous prestigious awards, including the John Eldred Shields Professional Service Award from the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA) for outstanding service to the legal profession, the members of the CBA and the greater community. He has been recognized in *Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers to Businesses* since 2004 and by *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2006.

Mr. Shearin currently serves as Vice President of the Connecticut Bar Foundation, Inc.. He has been appointed by the Chief Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court to the Judicial Performance Evaluation Program Advisory Board, and was also appointed by the Governor of Connecticut to the Judicial Compensation Commission. An active member of the Connecticut Bar Association, Mr. Shearin serves on the Executive Committee to the Federal Practice, Intellectual Property and Antitrust Sections. He is also Chairman of the Fair and Impartial Courts Committee and a member of Legal Services for the Poor Committee.

Mr. Shearin also devotes his time to a number of community activities, and is a past director of the American Red Cross, a past chairman of the Connecticut Legal Services Corporation and a past chairman of the Weston Democratic Town Committee.

Mr. Shearin's assumption of his new role is part of a carefully planned succession of the firm's leadership. "Tim has been a leader for many years, not just at Pullman & Comley, but in the legal community and through his work with many nonprofit organizations," said Mr. Morris. "The firm will be in great hands under Tim's direction."

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After nearly 20 years as chairman, Mr. Morris will remain on the firm's Executive Committee and will continue to lead the Tax Section of Pullman & Comley's Business Organizations and Finance Department.

"Pullman & Comley is my home away from home and I am honored to succeed Rob Morris as chairman," said Mr. Shearin. "I am proud of our firm's long and distinguished history and am committed to ensuring that we remain one of the region's premier firms."

### **About Pullman & Comley**

With nearly 90 attorneys, Pullman & Comley, LLC is one of Connecticut's largest firms and provides a wide range of legal services to clients in the New England region, as well as throughout the United States and internationally. The firm's major practice areas include business organizations and finance; environmental and land use; government finance; health care; labor, employment law and employee benefits; litigation; property valuation; real estate; regulatory, energy and telecommunications; and trusts and estates. The firm has offices in Bridgeport, Hartford, Stamford, Waterbury and White Plains. The firm is an active member of the Law Firm Alliance, an international affiliation of law firms.

### **Professionals**

James T. Shearin

### **Practice Areas**

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