

Schiff Hardin Adds Financial Markets Partner in New York

Schiff Hardin LLP announces that **Domenick Pugliese** has joined the firm's New York office as a partner in the Financial Markets and Products Group. With more than 25 years of experience, Pugliese focuses on the investment management business. He advises investment companies, investment advisers, and independent directors of investment companies. He joins the firm from Paul Hastings LLP, where he was a partner.

A former deputy general counsel for the Alliance Mutual Funds and in-house counsel to the Prudential Mutual Funds, Pugliese has broad experience regarding all aspects of Investment Company Act and Investment Advisers Act regulation. Dom focuses his practice on representing mutual funds and independent trustees and directors of mutual funds, as well as variable annuity trusts. He works with funds and fund boards of all types of investment companies, including mutual funds, closed-end funds, exchange-traded funds, and business development companies.

"With his experience both in-house and in private practice, Dom is a great addition to our firm as we grow our financial markets offerings," said Marci A. Eisenstein, Schiff Hardin's Managing Partner. "Clients participating in the U.S. securities and futures markets will value Dom's insight as they maneuver increasingly complex legal and regulatory challenges."

Paul E. Dengel, leader of the firm's Financial Markets and Products Group, said, "Beyond investment management, Dom has invaluable experience in mergers and acquisitions of investment companies, and in fund structuring and creation. His versatile background is a strong addition to our group."

In addition to his practice, Pugliese is a frequent speaker at industry conferences, particularly those relating to the roles and responsibilities of independent trustees. He also serves on the advisory board of the Investment Company Institute's Independent Director Counsel Roundtable.

"As the SEC continues to impose new duties and responsibilities on mutual fund independent directors, clients need adept counsel more than ever," said Pugliese. "My practice is dedicated to advising these clients. By joining Schiff Hardin, I am joining colleagues whose experience both complements and expands my practice."

He graduated from the George Washington University Law School, earning his J.D. with honors and serving as a member of the George Washington University Law Review. He earned his B.S. from the State University of New York Binghamton.