

Ex-PetSmart GC Brings M&A Experience To Crowell & Moring

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Law360 (October 20, 2026, 4:25 PM EDT) -- A former general counsel for PetSmart and a corporate attorney with more than 30 years of experience advising clients on mergers and acquisitions has moved his practice to Crowell & Moring LLP's Los Angeles office.

Jeryl A. Bowers has joined Crowell & Moring as a partner in the corporate law and mergers and acquisitions practices in the Los Angeles office, the firm announced Tuesday. Bowers joins Crowell & Moring after working for 16 years at Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP — now known as Sheppard — where he co-chaired the corporate practice group.



Jeryl Bowers

Bowers said in a statement to Law360, "What drew me to Crowell was the people and the platform. It's a highly collaborative firm, and when a deal touches transportation, government contracts, antitrust, healthcare, privacy, or another complex regulatory issue, the right people are there for the client."

"Southern California has an incredible mix of growing companies, family-owned businesses and private equity activity. I'm looking forward to helping clients navigate important milestones while drawing on the depth of Crowell's corporate and regulatory teams across the firm," he added.

Bowers advises clients on corporate and commercial matters, such as mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and strategic alliances, according to Crowell & Moring. His work covers several commercial industries, including healthcare, automotive technology, real estate services, medical devices and online retail, the firm said.

"What I enjoy most is working alongside general counsel and business leaders," Bowers said. "The best deal work starts with understanding what matters most to the client, solving problems in creative ways, and keeping everyone focused on the end goal."

John J. Koenigsknecht, chair of Crowell & Moring's corporate group, said in a statement that Bowers brings to the firm extensive M&A experience, deep sector knowledge and a "collaborative spirit."

"Jeryl's background as a former general counsel and his established presence in the Southern California market make him an invaluable addition to our team," Koenigsknecht said. "He will help to further anchor and grow our corporate practice in Los Angeles."

Bowers earned his law degree in 1993 from the University of Chicago Law School and was a law clerk to

U.S. Circuit Judge Joseph Hatchett of the Eleventh Circuit. In 2000, he joined PetSmart as general counsel, then moved to MediaLive International Holdings in 2001 as vice president, secretary and general counsel.

He joined K&L Gates LLP in 2004 as a partner and then moved to Sheppard in November 2010.

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