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The Senior Chairman of the Firm—and an archetype of combining a distinguished legal career with civic duty—Dick Beattie has served Simpson Thacher’s clients and has been a leader at the Firm for many years. He counsels boards on governance issues, investigations and litigation involving corporate officers and other crisis situations. He has also long advised private equity clients on mergers and acquisitions, as well as on leveraged buyouts, a transaction structure which he helped to pioneer. Dick has participated in some of the largest, most important financial transactions of his generation—including JPMorgan Chase’s \$58 billion acquisition of Bank One, the merger of AOL and Time Warner and the merger of WellPoint Health Networks

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Dick's record of public engagement dates to the Carter Administration, in which he served as general counsel of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He was a special advisor to the Secretary of State during the Clinton Administration, and served as the President's emissary for Cyprus as well. Dick serves as a director of the Carnegie Corporation, Harley-Davidson and Heidrick & Struggles, Evercore Partners and is a member of The Board of Overseers and Managers of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. He is also Chairman and Founder of the nonprofit New Visions for Public Schools. *The American Lawyer* in 2013 named Dick as one of the "Top 50 Innovators" in the last 50 years for his role in developing the legal structures for the private equity industry from its earliest days. He was also honored by *The American Lawyer* in 2011 as a Lifetime Achiever in recognition of "outstanding private sector success and a devotion to public service" and by The Legal Aid Society with its Servant of Justice Award. Prior to law school, he served four years in the Marine Corps as a jet pilot.