

Simpson Thacher Announces Twenty New Partners

November 24, 2020—New York—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP announced yesterday that it has elevated the following attorneys to Partner, effective January 1, 2021:



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William concentrates his practice on public and private mergers and acquisitions and other corporate transactions. He regularly represents strategic clients and private equity firms on a broad range of mergers, acquisitions, minority investments, joint ventures and dispositions across a wide variety of industries. He received his J.D. from Harvard University and his B.S.F.S., *summa cum laude*, from Georgetown University, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.



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David co-heads the Private Funds Practice in Japan. His practice focuses on representing leading sponsors on market-defining fundraisings, mainly in Asia and with a particular focus on Japan. David received his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania with distinction.



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Edward is a member of the Firm's Banking and Credit and Real Estate Practices. He advises clients on a broad range of credit transactions, with a focus on sponsor-driven real estate investments and other cross-border finance issues. He received his LL.M. and LL.B. from Cardiff University and completed his Legal Practice Course at the College of Law, Birmingham.



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