

Simpson Thacher Expands Financial Regulatory Capabilities as Stacie E. McGinn Joins

New York - March 3, 2011 — Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP announced today that Stacie E. McGinn, a leading financial services regulatory attorney, will join the Firm as a partner.

Ms. McGinn's practice will focus on all aspects of the regulation of banks and other financial institutions, including regulatory issues relating to capital raising and acquisition transactions. She brings over 25 years of experience in the financial services industry, most recently serving as Deputy General Counsel at Bank of America Corporation. In that role, she managed a team of nearly 100 legal professionals in the United States, Europe and Canada providing legal support to Bank of America's global consumer businesses. Prior to joining the bank, she was a partner in the financial services regulatory practice of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom where she practiced for 14 years representing banks, thrifts, credit card companies, mortgage companies and consumer finance companies in a variety of regulatory matters. She earned her B.B.A. degree from Baylor University and her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.

"We are thrilled that Stacie is joining our thriving Financial Institutions practice," said Pete Ruegger, Chairman of the Firm's Executive Committee. He added, "Her deep knowledge and broad-based experience make her a perfect complement to our already strong team."

Lee Meyerson, Head of both the Firm's Mergers & Acquisitions practice and its Financial Institutions practice, commented, "Adding an attorney of Stacie's caliber enhances the capabilities of our financial institutions practice and gives us an expanded ability to advise our wide range of banking and financial services clients on the full spectrum of regulatory issues affecting them."

Simpson Thacher's Financial Institutions practice provides transactional and regulatory advice to a broad range of domestic and international clients, including banks, insurance companies, investment banks, specialty finance companies, asset managers and government entities. In addition, the Firm's lawyers advise private equity investors, a variety of strategic investors, sovereign wealth funds, underwriters and financial advisors on matters relating to their investments in, and other activities relating to, financial institutions. The Firm's practice is varied, with a focus on mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings, regulatory matters and general corporate matters.

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