

Simpson Thacher Adds Prominent Houston Energy Lawyer



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Houston and New York—September 14, 2021—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP announced today that Chris Bennett has joined as a Partner in the Firm's Houston office.

"With a remarkable breadth of experience advising on M&A transactions across the upstream and midstream oil and gas markets, Chris has developed a reputation as a creative and commercial dealmaker. We are excited to welcome him to the Firm," said Bill Dougherty, Chairman of Simpson Thacher's Executive Committee. "Chris represents yet another outstanding addition to our team and further solidifies Simpson Thacher's stature as a leading firm in the energy and infrastructure space."

Chris counsels companies, private equity sponsors and other investors on mergers and acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures and other corporate transactions across the energy sector, with a focus on upstream oil and gas and midstream assets.

"Chris is a rising star and will be an excellent complement to our incredibly talented Energy and Infrastructure Practice, which advises investors across the energy value chain, including in oil and gas, renewables and energy transition," said Robert Rabalais, Head of the Firm's Houston office.

"Simpson Thacher has a fantastic Energy and Infrastructure Practice across offices and practice areas," said Chris. "I am excited to join this talented team of lawyers at a firm that is so highly regarded for both its culture and high caliber of work on cutting-edge and complex deals. Simpson Thacher provides a great opportunity to continue to grow my practice and provide top-of-the-line service to my clients."

Chris joins Simpson Thacher from another international law firm. He received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Tulane University and his B.A., *cum laude*, from Louisiana State University.

Named an "Energy Practice Group of the Year" by *Law360* in 2020, Simpson Thacher's Houston office offers clients a compelling combination of energy and infrastructure industry knowledge, deep transactional experience and exceptional talent. The Houston team has extensive experience in infrastructure, exploration and production, midstream, refining and petrochemicals, oil field services, energy transition, renewable energy and utilities. Houston attorneys partner with colleagues across the Simpson Thacher platform to provide market-leading corporate transactional, finance and general corporate advice.

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