

## Simpson Thacher Deepens International Disputes and Arbitration Practice



Christian Albanesi

**New York and Washington, D.C.—March 23, 2026**—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP announced today that Christian Albanesi will join the Firm’s Washington, D.C. office as a Partner. He will focus on international disputes and arbitration, bringing more than 20 years of experience navigating high-stakes, cross-border matters across Latin American and other global arbitral forums, particularly in the energy and infrastructure sector.

“Christian’s talent for navigating the dynamics of international disputes and arbitration—especially in complex, multijurisdictional matters—makes him a standout addition to the Firm,” said Lynn Neuner and Jon Youngwood, Global Co-Chairs of Simpson Thacher’s Litigation Department. “His ability to traverse the intersection of cross-border legal disputes and commercial considerations will be an enormous asset to clients with interests in Latin America and the energy and infrastructure industry. We are thrilled to welcome Christian to the Firm.”

“The addition of Christian enhances our ability to support clients across Latin America, where the stakes in cross-border disputes continue to rise,” said Todd Crider and Grenfel Calheiros, Co-Heads of Simpson Thacher’s Latin America Practice. “His deep regional insight—built on years practicing in Argentina and conducting proceedings in multiple jurisdictions across Latin America—will be invaluable to clients. His understanding of the multifaceted commercial and regulatory landscape is exceptional.”

“Christian strengthens our world-class international disputes offering and enhances our ability to meet the growing demand for strategic, cross-border advocacy,” added Tyler Robinson and David Edwards, co-heads of the Firm’s European Disputes practice. “Our team continues to handle significant disputes for our clients globally across all major jurisdictions both in the courts and in front of all the leading arbitral institutions seated throughout the world; Christian’s deep familiarity with global and regional Latin American institutions, shaped by both his work as counsel and his extensive experience as an arbitrator, fits seamlessly with our platform.”

Christian has an extensive track record across Latin America and in many of the most significant matters in Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Colombia. He has represented multinational corporations, financial institutions and sovereign states in high-impact commercial and investment treaty matters before all major international tribunals. Christian’s leadership roles within the ICC International Court of Arbitration and his service as an arbitrator in numerous disputes across the region give him a distinct strategic vantage point. He is recognized by *Chambers & Partners* as a leading International Arbitration practitioner for Latin America, and is fluent in five languages, including Spanish, Portuguese and French.

“Simpson Thacher has a fantastic Litigation Department and is known for a uniquely collaborative culture,” said Christian Albanesi. “The Firm’s international arbitration capabilities, together with its renowned Latin American transactional team, offer a strong and well-integrated platform for clients navigating nuanced cross-border matters in the region. Having the opportunity to contribute to such a dynamic and sophisticated global practice is exciting, and I look forward to partnering with colleagues across the Firm to deliver solutions that help clients navigate their most critical challenges.”

Simpson Thacher’s Global Litigation Department represents a wide range of sophisticated clients, including corporations, financial institutions, boards, audit and special committees, and senior executives in their most significant matters. Leveraging the Firm’s deep bench and broad international footprint, the team regularly counsels clients on litigation, government and internal investigations, arbitrations and cross-border disputes in Europe, North and South America, and Asia. The Firm’s International Disputes and Arbitration Practice is consistently recognized for advising on high-stakes matters in global forums, providing strategic counsel on multijurisdictional risk, and delivering results across industries including energy and infrastructure, telecommunications, insurance, defense, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, banking and finance, commodities and emerging technologies.

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