

Simpson Thacher Welcomes David Nemecek to Lead Capital Structure Solutions Practice

*New Practice Provides Single Destination for Full Spectrum of
Clients' Capital Structure Needs*

Announces Plans to Open Dallas Office



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New York—February 18, 2026—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP today announced that David Nemecek, a prominent adviser to distressed companies, private equity funds and opportunistic credit investors, has joined the Firm as Partner and Head of the newly created Capital Structure Solutions Practice.

The Capital Structure Solutions Practice integrates Simpson Thacher's Liability Management and Special Situations and Restructuring capabilities into a single global team of multidisciplinary practitioners. The Practice is designed to provide companies, sponsors and lenders with unconflicted, client-aligned advice across the full spectrum of modern capital structure challenges—from financing strategy and liability management exercises to distressed M&A and chapter 11 restructurings.

The creation of the Capital Structure Solutions Practice, and the hiring of Dave to lead it, reflects the Firm's continued investment in expanding and enhancing its capabilities to provide clients with cutting-edge solutions to address their most critical and complex capital needs. As part of this expansion, the Firm also plans to open a Dallas office, aligned with the region's growing client, capital and talent base.

“Dave is widely regarded as the preeminent architect of modern liability management and is one of the most influential advisers to distressed companies of his generation,” said Alden Millard, Chair of Simpson Thacher's Executive Committee. “Over the past decade, companies, sponsors, lenders and creditors have all turned to Dave for his expertise in solving their most difficult capital structure challenges. We are thrilled to welcome him to the Firm and are excited about what lies ahead.”

Alexandra Kaplan and Brian Steinhardt, Co-Heads of the Firm's Banking and Credit Practice, said, “Clients are facing an increasingly dynamic capital environment. They need counsel from multidisciplinary practitioners that combines technical excellence with strategic judgment, proven expertise and innovation. We are making a long-term investment to build a destination Capital Structure Solutions Practice under Dave's leadership, enhancing our capabilities to deliver the most sophisticated, innovative and solutions-oriented advice in the market.”

The launch of this new practice comes amid a rapidly evolving and increasingly diversified capital markets landscape, where sponsors, companies, lenders and investment funds face complex and often unprecedented structural challenges. Simpson Thacher's Capital Structure Solutions Practice brings together nimble, commercial and versatile practitioners across the globe, with deep expertise across the full range of capital issues facing clients. With long-standing relationships across private equity and investment management firms, lenders and investment funds, the team is uniquely positioned to represent companies, sponsors, lenders and creditors in liability management exercises, special situations, opportunistic credit investments and chapter 11 cases.

“Simpson Thacher has one of the world's premier global legal advisory platforms grounded in excellence, unparalleled client service and deep, long-term relationships,” said Dave. “Helping launch its Capital Structure Solutions Practice, alongside partners who are both exceptional lawyers and true collaborators, is a rare opportunity, and I am honored to join the team as we focus on providing the best advice to our clients.”

The Capital Structure Solutions Practice will work closely with Simpson Thacher's best-in-class Banking and Credit and Capital Markets teams to create a comprehensive finance offering that supports clients through every stage of an investment.