

## Simpson Thacher Adds Banking and Credit Partner in Boston



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**Boston and New York—September 4, 2025**—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP today announced that Elizabeth (“Liz”) Kates has joined the Firm as a Partner in the Banking and Credit Practice in Boston.

“Liz brings a sharp commercial sensibility and deep experience advising sponsors and companies on complex debt financing transactions,” said Alexandra Kaplan, Co-Head of Simpson Thacher’s Banking and Credit Practice. “Liz’s addition bolsters our talented, deep bench of lawyers and strengthens our ability to deliver sophisticated business-driven solutions to clients regionally and around the globe.”

“I am delighted to welcome Liz to the Firm,” said Brian Steinhardt, Co-Head of Simpson Thacher’s Banking and Credit Practice. “Her experience across industries will be an asset to clients seeking new financing strategies and I look forward to working with her.”

“We are pleased to welcome Liz to the Firm and to our thriving Boston office as we approach our one-year anniversary. She is highly regarded in the Boston market, and her joining marks another step in our growth trajectory in this vibrant city,” said Josh Bonnie and David Blass, Co-Managing Partners of Simpson Thacher’s Boston office.

“I am thrilled to join such a multifaceted financing team and to be part of the Firm’s growth in Boston. I look forward to working with my new colleagues,” said Liz.

Liz advises private equity sponsors as well as private and public companies and lenders. Her practice focuses on structuring and negotiating secured and unsecured debt financing transactions, including leveraged buyouts, acquisition financings, recapitalizations, refinancings and restructurings. She advises clients across a range of industries, including the technology, software, healthcare, financial services and manufacturing sectors. She joins from Goodwin Procter LLP.

Clients rely on Simpson Thacher’s market-leading Banking and Credit Practice for advice on an array of complex credit transactions and financial instruments at all levels of the corporate capital structure. Top-ranked by *Chambers USA* for banking and finance, the team advises on alternative lending (including direct lending), acquisition finance (including bridge financing), leveraged finance, investment grade finance, fund finance and infrastructure finance. The team has advised on more than \$1.8 trillion in banking transactions over the past five years. Simpson Thacher’s Boston office advises clients on the full spectrum of their transactional, disputes, regulatory and enforcement needs.

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