

Simpson Thacher Hires Financial Services and Funds Regulatory Partner

New York and London—July 15, 2026—Simpson Thacher has announced that Emma Rachmaninov will join the Firm’s European Funds Practice in London as Partner, where she will be Co-Head of the European Financial Services and Funds Regulatory team.

“As one of the most renowned regulatory lawyers in the market, Emma has a longstanding reputation for advising clients on some of the most complex regulatory areas,” said European Head of Funds at Simpson Thacher, Gareth Earl. “Her practice and experience will further strengthen our ability to deliver valuable regulatory guidance to clients across the alternative assets landscape internationally,” said the Firm’s Co-Head of the European Financial Services and Funds Regulatory team, Owen Lysak.

Emma specialises in non-contentious regulatory matters across financial services, including advising sponsors, investment banks and insurers on cross-border M&A, complex restructurings and IPOs. She joins the Firm from Freshfields.

Recognized as a standout partner in her field, Emma is ranked as a ‘Leading Partner’ for non-contentious financial services regulatory by *Legal 500*.

Emma will co-lead the Financial Services and Funds Regulatory team, following the retirement of Partner Stephanie Biggs.

“Stephanie has played a critical role in developing the Firm’s regulatory capabilities during her tenure at Simpson Thacher. We thank her for her invaluable contribution to the Firm,” said European Managing Partner Wheatly MacNamara. “Emma’s experience makes her a superb addition to our European Financial Services and Funds Regulatory team, further strengthening our capacity to support asset managers with bespoke guidance as they navigate the evolving global regulatory environment. We welcome her to Simpson Thacher.”

Established in 2011, Simpson Thacher’s European Funds Practice advises many of Europe’s preeminent sponsors on significant capital raisings and ongoing fund-related matters. The practice covers the full spectrum of funds, including buyout, growth, venture capital, core private equity, credit, infrastructure, energy and real estate. The Financial Services and Funds Regulatory team advises on all regulatory aspects of capital raisings, as well as European retail funds, financial services M&A, and other regulatory developments for fund sponsors.

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