

Simpson Thacher Bolsters M&A Practice in New York with Rising Star



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New York—June 2, 2025—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP today announced that Iliana Karaoglan has joined the Firm’s Mergers and Acquisitions Practice as a Partner in the New York office.

“Simpson Thacher’s exceptional global Mergers and Acquisitions team is known for its deep understanding of clients’ strategic priorities that are driving today’s most transformative transactions, and we are excited to add Iliana to this team,” said Eric Swedenburg, Head of the Firm’s Global Mergers and Acquisitions Practice.

“Iliana has quickly earned a reputation as a dynamic dealmaker with sharp commercial insight, and her extensive experience advising on transactions

across key industries will perfectly complement our existing capabilities. We are pleased to welcome her to the Firm,” continued Elizabeth Cooper, Co-Head of the Firm’s Private Equity Mergers and Acquisitions Practice.

Iliana’s practice focuses on representing public and private companies in mergers, acquisitions and divestitures across industries, including consumer products, media and entertainment, healthcare and real estate. She also has experience advising on general corporate matters, including reporting requirements, corporate governance issues and other strategic considerations. She joins the Firm from Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP.

Iliana said, “I am excited to join Simpson Thacher’s Mergers and Acquisitions Practice, which is widely-recognized for its formidable market presence and collaborative culture. The opportunity to work alongside these talented and forward-thinking dealmakers is one I could not pass up.”

Repeatedly recognized around the world by *Chambers*, *Legal 500*, *The American Lawyer*, *Law360* and many others, Simpson Thacher’s Mergers and Acquisitions Practice is an industry-leader unrivaled in its reputation and unique in its breadth. The team has advised on many of the most prominent U.S. and international transactions of the past several decades as well as on deals with an aggregate value of more than \$1.5 trillion from 2020-2024 alone (*Bloomberg*). The Firm’s clients include public and private companies, founder-owned and family-owned businesses, investors and boards. The scale and depth of Simpson Thacher’s private equity experience also gives the Firm insight into the needs of participants across the sector, making it the firm of choice for many of the world’s most sophisticated private equity firms.

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