

Simpson Thacher Boosts Insurance Transactional and Regulatory Team



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New York—January 8, 2026—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP today announced that Jared Wilner has joined the Firm as a Partner in the Mergers and Acquisitions Practice, where he will lead the Firm’s Insurance Transactional and Regulatory team.

“Private equity sponsors and other alternative asset managers are increasingly partnering with insurance companies to deploy long-duration capital in ways that fuel investment strategies and deliver tailored portfolio solutions,” said Alden Millard, Chair of Simpson Thacher’s Executive Committee. “Jared’s expertise will be an asset to clients navigating these opportunities and we are excited to welcome him to Simpson Thacher.”

“Jared is an exceptional insurance M&A, reinsurance and regulatory advisor who will strengthen our existing transactional capabilities as well as our broader insurance platform,” said Eric Swedenburg, Head of Simpson Thacher’s Mergers and Acquisitions Practice. “His unique perspective—shaped by his experience as a regulator, as counsel at a major insurer and in private practice—makes him uniquely qualified to guide clients through the full range of complexities associated with transactions throughout the insurance ecosystem. Jared combines commercial pragmatism with creativity, delivering solutions that address regulatory challenges and unlock opportunities in insurance capital management.”

Jared brings extensive experience advising domestic and international insurers, reinsurers, intermediaries and other industry participants on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, reinsurance transactions, insurtech and insurance product development. His work also spans related regulatory compliance and corporate governance issues, as well as bespoke structures designed to meet the needs of insurers and asset managers. Prior to private practice, Jared served at the New York State Department of Financial Services, where he helped shape policy responses to issues arising from the 2008 financial crisis, and later as corporate counsel at Prudential Insurance’s life and annuities business units.

“Simpson Thacher has a long track record in advising on market-defining transactions,” said Jared. “I’m excited to join a team that combines deep market insight with a collaborative approach to deliver exceptional results for clients. Our growing insurance practice is uniquely positioned to help clients navigate complexity, execute strategic deals and capitalize on emerging opportunities in the insurance sector.”

Repeatedly recognized around the world by *Chambers*, *Legal 500*, *The American Lawyer*, *Law360* and others, Simpson Thacher’s Mergers and Acquisitions Practice is an industry leader unrivaled in its reputation and unique in its breadth. Simpson Thacher’s Insurance Transactional and Regulatory team is a market leader, advising on headline-making transactions—from multi-billion-dollar acquisitions to complex reinsurance structures and strategic partnerships for top insurers and private equity sponsors.

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