

Simpson Thacher Adds Prominent Financing Partner in Boston



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Boston and New York—May 22, 2025—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP today announced that John Ilardo has joined the Firm’s fast-growing Boston office as a Partner in the Banking and Credit Practice, where he will focus on acquisition finance and other debt finance matters.

“John is an incredibly talented lawyer with deep expertise in banking and credit matters, and a proven track record of developing financing solutions for complex acquisition finance and leveraged transactions,” said Alexandra Kaplan, Co-Head of Simpson Thacher’s Global Banking and Credit Practice.

“John’s addition strengthens our ability to provide commercial advice to our private equity, portfolio company and corporate borrower clients on their most significant financing needs, and we’re very excited to welcome him to Simpson Thacher,” added Brian Steinhardt, Co-Head of Simpson Thacher’s Global Banking and Credit Practice.

John advises prominent private equity sponsors, their portfolio companies and other public and private company borrowers across a range of complex financing transactions in the syndicated and private credit markets, including acquisition financings, recapitalizations, liability management transactions and refinancings. Recognized by *Chambers USA* as a leader in debt finance, his practice spans the financial services and asset management, healthcare and life sciences, real estate, technology, manufacturing and industrials sectors. John joins the Firm from Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

“We are gratified that lawyers with John’s talent and skill continue to be attracted to the opportunity to serve clients from our growing Boston office,” said Josh Bonnie, Co-Managing Partner of Simpson Thacher’s Boston office.

“Simpson Thacher has an incredible transactional platform, and I am thrilled to join a team that’s at the forefront of dealmaking to help clients navigate the evolving financing landscape,” said John.

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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