

Simpson Thacher Grows Boston M&A Team with Prominent Partner Hires

Addition of top-ranked M&A partners enhances strategic and private equity deal team across life sciences and other key industries in Boston and Northeast region



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Boston and New York—March 31, 2025—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP today announced that Joseph B. Conahan and Andrew P. Alin have joined the Firm as Partners in the M&A Practice. Joe will be joining the Firm in Boston, after having practiced for more than 20 years. Andy will be based in New York and will also spend time in our Boston office, helping to support the office’s growth.

“Simpson Thacher has the world’s best global M&A platform, and the addition of Joe and Andy will help us to meet growing demand from clients in Boston and the Northeast region for the sophisticated transactional advice that is a hallmark of the Firm,” said Eric Swedenburg, Head of Simpson Thacher’s M&A Practice. “Joe and Andy are exceptionally talented dealmakers and trusted advisers to significant public companies, private equity sponsors and other financial institutions in the Boston region and beyond. We are very excited to welcome them to Simpson Thacher.”

Both Joe and Andy advise clients on a range of complex transactions in the life sciences, technology, financial services, FinTech and industrial sectors, among others. Their work includes high profile mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, carve outs, spinoffs and other strategic transactions, as well as corporate governance matters and disclosure issues. Joe has been recognized for his M&A work by *Legal 500 U.S.* and *Boston Magazine*, among others. Andy has been consistently recognized by *IFLR 1000* in M&A and Private Equity Transactions. They both join from WilmerHale, where Joe served as Co-Chair of the Mergers and Acquisitions Practice.

“Joe and Andy bring a wealth of experience and will complement and enhance our growing transactional bench in Boston,” said Josh Bonnie and David Blass, Co-Managing Partners of Simpson Thacher’s Boston office.

“I am excited to be joining Simpson Thacher’s Boston office at a time of such momentum, and I am eager to help grow the team,” said Joe. “The Firm has a premier global M&A platform, and it is the ideal place for me to continue to grow my practice,” added Andy.

Simpson Thacher’s Boston office advises clients on the full spectrum of their transactional, disputes, regulatory and enforcement needs. The Firm provides coordinated counsel to clients across several industries, including asset management and other financial institutions, healthcare, biotechnology, life sciences and technology. Simpson Thacher’s M&A Practice is an industry-leader unrivaled in its reputation and unique in its breadth and has advised on many of the most prominent U.S. and international transactions of the past several decades. The team has been repeatedly recognized among the world’s best M&A advisors, including by *Chambers USA*, *Chambers Global*, *The Legal 500*, *The American Lawyer*, *Law360* and many others. The Firm’s clients include public and private companies, founder-owned and family-owned businesses, investors and boards.