

Simpson Thacher Expands Fund Transactions Bench in New York

New York—July 14, 2025—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP today announced that Lawrence (“Larry”) Natke has joined the Firm’s New York office as a Partner in the Fund Transactions Practice, where he will focus on alternative asset management M&A transactions, including GP stakes, change of control transactions and other strategic transactions in the asset management industry.

“As a result of the ongoing consolidation in the alternative asset management industry, size and scale are quickly becoming an advantage, giving rise to various types of control and stake transactions in that space. Simpson Thacher’s strength across the funds industry and related M&A capabilities uniquely positions us to advise on these types of complex transactions,” said Michael Wolitzer, Chair of Funds and Funds Adjacencies at the Firm. “Larry’s expertise, commercial instincts and sophisticated approach to complex fund manager transactions will benefit our sponsor clients around the world and we are excited to welcome him to Simpson Thacher.”

Larry’s practice focuses on alternative asset management transactions, mergers and acquisitions and related transactions. He has deep experience advising on structuring control and non-control investments in alternative asset managers, GP stakes deals, joint ventures and spin-outs. He also represents private equity buyers and sellers in connection with investments in the financial services sector.

“Larry’s addition strengthens our ability to provide sponsor clients with multidisciplinary and value-added advice across the full spectrum of alternative asset manager transactions,” said Barrie Covit, Co-Head of Simpson Thacher’s Investment Funds Practice.

“Simpson Thacher’s globally recognized funds platform is unparalleled,” said Larry. “I am thrilled to join this distinguished team and continue providing the sophisticated, forward-thinking and market-setting advice for which the Firm is known.”

Simpson Thacher’s Private Funds Practice is perennially ranked among the best private funds advisors around the globe by *Chambers and Partners*, *The Legal 500*, *IFLR* and many others. The multidisciplinary team provides comprehensive advice to most of the leading public diversified alternative asset managers as well as hundreds of independent firms. The team has advised on the formation of more \$10+ billion funds than any other law firm according to *Preqin* and advised on five of the top 10 private equity funds raised in 2024. It offers deep market knowledge and creative, tailored advice covering the full spectrum of private funds, including buyout, growth/venture capital, credit, secondaries, infrastructure, energy and real estate. The team is also at the vanguard of the industry in providing commercially driven transactional advice on a broad range of fund related transactions, including GP-stake investments, traditional and synthetic secondaries, structured funds products, continuation vehicles and other deals designed to provide sponsors with flexibility and liquidity.

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