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Simpson Thacher Adds Five Partners to Litigation Team

Partners Focus on Antitrust and Trade Regulation; Media, Entertainment and Sports; and Employment

Boston, Los Angeles, New York—November 18, 2026—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP today announced that five partners are joining the Firm's Litigation Department: Antitrust and Trade Regulation Partner Adam Hemlock; Media, Entertainment and Sports Partner Bo Pearl; and Employment Partners John P. Barry, Rebecca Sivitz and Celine Chan.

"Companies need sophisticated counsel across disciplines to address increasingly multifaceted and multijurisdictional disputes," said Alden Millard, Chair of the Firm's Executive Committee. "These talented lawyers add further depth to our top-tier global Litigation platform, bolstering our ability to provide integrated, cross-practice counsel on our clients' most consequential matters."

"Our team has experienced significant growth this year, including through the expansion of our Congressional Investigations and State AG capabilities, International Arbitration practice, and Complex Commercial Litigation, AI and IP groups, and we are proud to build on that momentum with the addition of this exceptional group of partners across our antitrust, media, entertainment, sports and employment offerings," said Jon Youngwood and Lynn Neuner, Global Co-Chairs of the Firm's Litigation Department. "Adam, Bo, John, Rebecca and Celine each bring extensive expertise and distinct capabilities that will add to the strength and versatility of our team, and we are delighted to welcome them to the Firm."

Adam Hemlock represents private equity sponsors, corporations and individuals in complex criminal antitrust and cartel investigations, including parallel investigations across multiple jurisdictions. He also has significant experience defending antitrust litigation and cartel class actions, bringing an integrated perspective to clients facing both government investigations and related civil litigation. Adam is based in New York.

"I look forward to combining my experience in cartel investigations and antitrust litigation with the caliber of Simpson Thacher's Antitrust practice to help clients address these increasingly complex and top-of-mind matters across jurisdictions," said Adam.

Bo Pearl is a nationally recognized first-chair trial lawyer with nearly three decades of experience representing clients in high-profile disputes across the media, entertainment, sports and technology sectors. He also has a significant track record in antitrust, First Amendment, employment and trade secrets litigation. Bo is based in Los Angeles.

"Simpson Thacher's strength across media, entertainment and sports as well as its continued expansion in the dynamic Los Angeles market makes it the perfect place for my practice, and I look forward to working alongside the team to guide clients to successful outcomes in their most important matters across jurisdictions," said Bo.

John P. Barry is a highly regarded trial lawyer and counselor with more than 30 years of experience advising companies, boards and executives on sensitive and significant employment matters. He has vast experience in dissecting and, if needed, litigating challenges related to executive behavior, including disputes involving restrictive covenants, trade secrets, contractual obligations, incentive compensation, carry, discrimination, harassment, retaliation and related issues. John will lead our Employment Practice and is based in New York.

Rebecca Sivitz advises clients on a wide range of labor and employment matters, including corporate transactions, executive disputes, investigations, restructurings and litigation, with a particular focus on private equity. She has deep experience advising on labor-management relations, including complex union matters. Rebecca is based in Boston.

Celine Chan represents clients in a broad range of employment disputes, including matters involving discrimination, harassment, retaliation and restrictive covenants in state and federal courts, before administrative agencies, and in arbitrations. She also counsels employers on workplace matters and conducts sensitive internal investigations. Celine is based in New York.

"We are excited to spearhead the Firm's Employment Practice and bring together our complementary experience to help clients address their most sensitive and high-stakes employment matters across transactions, counseling, investigations and litigation," said John.

Simpson Thacher's Global Litigation Department represents a wide range of sophisticated clients, including corporations, financial institutions, boards, audit and special committees, and senior executives in their most significant matters. The Firm leverages its substantial bench of talent and broad experience to effectively handle litigations, government and internal investigations, arbitrations and cross-border disputes in North and South America, Asia and Europe. The team has been recognized by *Chambers & Partners*, *The Legal 500*, *Benchmark Litigation*, *The American Lawyer*, *National Law Journal, New York Law Journal*, *Law360*, *Global Competition Review*, *Global Investigations Review, The Recorder*, *Daily Journal* and many others.

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