

Simpson Thacher Deepens Boston M&A Bench with Private Equity Rising Star



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Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP today announced that Jessica Cooney has joined the Firm's Boston office as a Partner in the Mergers and Acquisitions Practice.

"Private equity sponsors are navigating one of the most dynamic deal environments in years, where the ability to move quickly and execute sophisticated transactions across the full investment lifecycle is essential," said Elizabeth Cooper, Simpson Thacher's Global Head of Private Equity.

"Jess is a rising star whose experience advising leading sponsors on significant transactions is a perfect complement to our market-leading M&A and private equity platform. We are pleased to welcome her to the Firm."

"Since launching in 2024, our Boston office has grown rapidly and thoughtfully to meet rising client demand across transactional, regulatory and disputes matters, and Jess' arrival marks another important step in the continued expansion of our M&A bench in the region," said Joe Conahan, Co-Managing Partner of Simpson Thacher's Boston office. "Her breadth of private equity experience further strengthens our ability to deliver in this market the sophisticated legal advice and unparalleled client service that are hallmarks of the Firm."

Jess advises private equity sponsors across a broad spectrum of transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, minority investments, add-ons, PIPEs, co-investments, hybrid capital transactions and take-privates. She also counsels clients on general corporate and governance matters and represents public and private companies in strategic mergers and acquisitions.

"Simpson Thacher is synonymous with excellence in private equity and M&A, and its global platform is unmatched," said Jess. "I am thrilled to join such a collaborative and forward-thinking team, and I look forward to working alongside talented colleagues in Boston and around the world to advise clients on their most complex and important transactions."

Repeatedly recognized around the world by *Chambers*, *Legal 500*, *The American Lawyer*, *Law360* and many others, Simpson Thacher's Mergers and Acquisitions Practice is an industry leader unrivaled in its reputation and unique in its breadth. The team has advised on many of the most prominent U.S. and international transactions of the past several decades as well as on deals with an aggregate value of nearly \$2 trillion since 2020 (*Bloomberg*).

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