

Simpson Thacher Names Global Heads of Private Equity and Asset Management



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New York—July 1, 2025—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP today announced the elevation of two of its leaders to newly created roles: Elizabeth Cooper to the role of Global Head of Private Equity and Rajib Chanda to the role of Global Head of Asset Management.

“Our clients are increasingly pursuing growth across multiple asset classes and geographies. They need partners who can deliver holistic, high-impact solutions,” said Alden Millard, Chair of Simpson Thacher’s Executive Committee. “Simpson Thacher is recognized globally as a pioneer in private equity and asset management, and Elizabeth and Rajib bring exceptional operational insightS and business judgment to these complex and rapidly evolving sectors. Their combined leadership enhances our ability to deliver innovative, highly sophisticated strategic counsel tailored to the needs of the world’s leading asset managers.”

Elizabeth said, “Simpson Thacher already has an unmatched reputation for providing our private equity clients with strategic, commercial advice grounded in technical excellence. I’m honored to accept this new role and look forward to working alongside Rajib to continue to set the standard for our clients.”

Rajib added, “Simpson Thacher is at the vanguard of the asset management sector. We are helping clients to navigate evolving markets with clarity and a practical understanding of developing innovative products, including those that advance access to private markets by individual investors. I’m thrilled to partner with Elizabeth to continue building on the Firm’s leadership in these areas and to support our clients’ long-term growth strategies.”

A two-time *American Lawyer* “Dealmaker of the Year” and 2024 “Corporate Attorney of the Year” in M&A and Private Equity, Elizabeth is widely recognized as one of the world’s most successful dealmakers. Her diverse practice spans advising private equity sponsors, alternative asset managers and other financial institutions on a broad range of M&A, investments, joint ventures and other business combinations. Elizabeth is consistently recognized as a prominent leader in her field by *The Deal*, *Euromoney*, *Law360*, *Crain’s New York*, *Chambers and Partners*, *Legal 500*, *IFLR 1000* and many others. Elizabeth also serves on the Firm’s Executive Committee.

Rajib has been hailed as a “trailblazer” by *The American Lawyer* for his leading role in facilitating the democratization of access by individual investors to private markets investments. He helps asset management firms design, develop and structure award-winning investment products that have been classified as “revolutionary.” Rajib also advises firms in the asset management industry on acquisitions, minority investments and joint ventures. He was named “Independent Counsel of the Year” at *With Intelligence*’s Mutual Fund Industry Awards. He is consistently recognized as a prominent leader in his field by *Chambers and Partners*, *Legal 500*, *IFLR 1000* and many others. He also heads Simpson Thacher’s Registered Funds Practice, is Co-Managing Partner of the Washington, D.C. office and serves on the Firm’s Executive Committee.

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