

Simpson Thacher to Open Chicago Office With Leading Middle Market Private Equity and Family Office Practices



Chicago and New York—August 6, 2026—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP today announced that Ryan Harris, Cole Parker, Kyle McHugh, Ryan Jackson and Ziyad Ziyadzade will join the Firm as Partners, launching the Firm’s Chicago office.

“Opening an office in Chicago extends our ability to serve our clients in one of the country’s most dynamic centers of investment activity and legal talent,” said Alden Millard, Chair of Simpson Thacher’s Executive Committee. “The addition of Ryan, Cole, Kyle, Ryan and Ziyad significantly expands our ability to advise middle market private equity funds and other private capital clients.”

“Our team has worked together for many years and we are very excited to join the Firm and build on its commitment to establishing a major presence in Chicago that will deliver outstanding service to our clients,” said Ryan Harris, who will serve as Managing Partner of the Chicago office. “We look forward to fully scaling the Chicago office as part of Simpson Thacher’s world class platform, with the goal of bringing together the very best lawyers to collaborate across transactional, regulatory and disputes practices in this amazing city.”

Drawing on its leading private equity, M&A, investment funds, tax, executive compensation, regulatory and capital markets capabilities, Simpson Thacher serves many of the world’s most sophisticated private equity funds and family offices. Ryan Harris, Cole, Kyle, Ryan Jackson and Ziyad advise private equity sponsors, family offices, and public and private companies across a broad range of strategic transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, growth and venture investments, restructurings, divestitures and financings.

Cole Parker noted, “Middle market private equity funds and family offices are part of the heart of Chicago and the broader national private capital landscape. Simpson Thacher’s best-in-class integrated approach and collaborative culture make it an ideal place to advise these clients on their most important opportunities and challenges.” Kyle McHugh added, “Our team has a long history as leaders in the middle market, and we are excited to deepen our relationships with our private equity and family office clients on the Simpson Thacher platform.”

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