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Richard Beattie was Senior Chairman of the Firm. He focused on counseling boards of directors and non-management directors on governance issues, investigations and litigation involving corporate officers and other crisis situations. He also focused on mergers and acquisitions and leveraged buyouts. He participated in some of the larger and more complex financial transactions, including JPMorgan Chase & Co.'s \$58 billion acquisition of Bank One Corporation, the merger of America Online and Time Warner and the merger of WellPoint Health Networks with Anthem Inc.

Practice Focus:

- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Corporate - M&A

Dick had a long record of public service. During the Carter Administration, he served as General Counsel of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and in 1980, as Director of the Transition and Counsel to the Secretary of Education, he was in charge of organizing the U.S. Department of Education. During the 1980s, Dick served on the New York City Board of Education. He has served as a Special Advisor to the Secretary of State and during 1995-1997 was President Clinton's Emissary for Cyprus.

Dick was Chairman of the Board and founder of New Visions for Public Schools, a not-for-profit organization that develops and implements programs to affect system-wide improvements in public education in New York City. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of Evercore Partners and was a member of the Boards of Overseers and Managers of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, as well as was previously a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Dick was a former member of the Board of Directors of Harley-Davidson, Inc., Heidrick & Struggles, WNET/Channel 13, the Carnegie Corporation and the National Women's Law Center. He was the recipient of a Bank Street College Honorary Doctorate of Education and the President's Medal, The Legal Aid Society's Servant of Justice Award and The Jewish Theological Seminary's Judge Simon H. Rifkind Award.

Dick joined Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in 1968 after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Prior to law school, he served for four years in the Marine Corps as a jet pilot after graduating from Dartmouth College in 1961.