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Simpson Thacher & Bartlett Expands Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice with New Partner

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP announced today that Sandeep ("Sandy") Qusba has joined the Firm as a partner in its Bankruptcy and Restructuring practice.

"Simpson Thacher is a leader in helping clients address the complex issues that arise when a company faces financial distress," said Pete Ruegger, Chairman of Simpson Thacher's Executive Committee. "Sandy is a welcome addition to our bankruptcy and restructuring practice and will enhance our capacity to advise clients who face these challenging situations."

"Sandy Qusba is one of the best and the brightest bankruptcy lawyers with whom I have worked," added Peter Pantaleo, head of Simpson Thacher's Bankruptcy and Restructuring group. "His talent and experience will help us meet the growing needs of our clients for advice in the bankruptcy and restructuring area."

Mr. Qusba's practice focuses on bankruptcy and out-of-court restructurings as well as distressed company acquisitions. His experience spans a wide range of industries including the healthcare, energy, automotive, manufacturing, telecommunications and other technology sectors.

"I'm thrilled to be joining Simpson Thacher. The Firm's unparalleled strength across its many practice areas, including credit, corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, governance, litigation as well as bankruptcy and restructuring, enable it to advise on a comprehensive range of solutions to the complexities faced by companies and financial institutions in today's economy, " added Mr. Qusba. "The Firm offers an ideal platform for me to provide my clients the comprehensive legal services demanded in today's turbulent environment."

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Mr. Qusba is a graduate of Tufts University and received his J.D. *cum laude* from Syracuse University. He served as a law clerk for Chief Judge Stephen D. Gerling in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court of the Northern District of New York. Prior to joining Simpson Thacher, he was a partner at White & Case.

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Attorneys at Simpson Thacher provide comprehensive services to clients on all aspects of restructuring and bankruptcy, from the first signs of financial distress to the filing and resolution of complex Chapter 11 cases. Whether a company finds itself facing cash flow issues, imminent debt maturities or is considering filing for bankruptcy, the Firm is adept at helping clients successfully meet their challenges. The Firm regularly advises clients on a wide range of alternatives including debt refinancings and balance sheet restructurings as well as representing parties in some of the largest and most complex bankruptcies and restructurings in the country and internationally. The Firm's lawyers play a leading role in finding unique and innovative solutions for the complicated problems that often arise on large multi-party cases. The Firm's broad experience covers almost every industry including airline, automotive, cable and telecommunications, consumer products, energy, healthcare, manufacturing, real estate, retail, steel and textile, among others.

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Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP (www.simpsonthacher.com) is a leading global law firm with offices in New York, Beijing, Hong Kong, London, Los Angeles, Palo Alto, Tokyo, and Washington, D.C. Established in 1884, the Firm has more than 800 lawyers. Globally, the Firm provides coordinated legal advice on the world's largest and most complex corporate transactions and litigation matters.

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