

Simpson Thacher Elects Ten New Partners

NEW YORK – November 19, 2013 – Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP announced yesterday that it has elected ten attorneys as members of the Firm effective January 1, 2014. The new partners are:

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Atif Azher specializes in mergers and acquisitions, corporate and securities laws and corporate governance. He advises public and private companies and private equity firms in acquisitions, dispositions, leveraged buyouts, joint ventures and other direct investments. He also has extensive experience representing public companies in unsolicited transactions and investment banks in connection with M&A transactions. Mr. Azher received a J.D. and an M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in 2004 and a B.S. and B.S.B.A. from the University of Arizona in 2000.

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