

## Brian E. Minyard Joins Simpson Thacher's Energy Finance Team in Houston

**DECEMBER 9, 2013 - NEW YORK** – Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP announced today that Brian E. Minyard has joined the Firm's Banking and Credit Practice as Counsel in the Houston office. Mr. Minyard has broad experience in a range of financing transactions, including syndicated bank loans and the private placement of debt securities.

Mr. Minyard's practice focuses principally on the representation of capital providers and borrowers in structuring, negotiating and documenting structured finance transactions, with an emphasis on energy and oil and gas credit facilities. He also has experience with acquisition and specialized structured finance transactions, including volumetric production payments, and mezzanine debt financings.

"Brian is a seasoned energy finance attorney whose experience in a wide array of reserved-based and mezzanine energy financings will be a tremendous asset to our clients," said Robert Rabalais, the head of Simpson Thacher's Houston office and a partner in the Firm's energy finance practice. "He will be a strong addition to our firm-wide energy finance team. Now, with Richard Sitton and Matt Einbinder, our other senior energy finance attorneys in Houston, we have a tremendous depth of experience physically present in our Houston office to better serve our clients. We welcome Brian to the Firm."

Simpson Thacher's Banking and Credit Practice advises clients on more and larger financing transactions than any other law firm. Of the 18 financing categories tracked during 2012 by *Loan Pricing Corporation*, Simpson Thacher ranked first in ten categories. The Firm represents lenders and borrowers in connection with a wide variety of sophisticated credit transactions and financial instruments at all levels of the corporate capital structure. In Houston, the members of the Banking and Credit Practice serve a wide range of banking clients active in the energy industry as well as an exceptional base of financial sponsors and other corporations.

Mr. Minyard earned his J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law in 2003, where he was an Editor of the *Texas Review of Law and Politics*. He received his B.S., *cum laude*, in Biochemistry and Political Science from Texas A&M University in 2000.

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