

# Simpson Thacher Elects Twelve New Partners

**NEW YORK – November 28, 2011** – Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP announces that it has elected 12 attorneys as members of the Firm effective January 1, 2012. The new partners are:

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**Mark A. Brod** concentrates his practice on capital markets transactions with a focus on offerings of high yield debt and equity securities, as well as general corporate matters. He earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 2001 and his A.B., *magna cum laude*, from Duke University, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was also a Fulbright Scholar (Japan). Mr. Brod joined the Firm in 2001.

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