

Simpson Thacher Enhances Healthcare Practice With Addition of Regulatory Counsel Vanessa K. Burrows



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April 22, 2019—New York/Washington, D.C.—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP announced today that Vanessa K. Burrows, a healthcare regulatory lawyer, has joined the Firm’s Washington, D.C. office as Counsel.

With deep experience involving Food and Drug Administration and other healthcare regulatory matters, Vanessa has advised pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers, healthcare and technology companies, hospitals and other providers in connection with regulatory and compliance needs, as well as in connection with M&A and capital-raising transactions. Vanessa has extensive experience counseling clients with respect to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliance, health privacy and security issues, fraud and abuse compliance, pharmacy law, cannabis matters, and public health matters.

“Vanessa will be a great addition to the Firm and our Healthcare Practice, which has been strong and broad-based for many years,” said Art Robinson, Head of the Firm’s Capital Markets Practice. “Vanessa’s comprehensive healthcare experience, in both government and private practice, will strengthen our ability to support our clients who are increasingly active in life sciences, healthcare services and healthcare technology.”

Simpson Thacher advises healthcare companies as well as many of the world’s leading financial institutions and private equity sponsors active in the healthcare sector on a wide range of transactions and disputes. Since 2013, the Firm has advised on more than 300 healthcare-related deals involving pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, medical device and equipment manufacturers, healthcare technology companies, health insurance companies, hospitals and other providers.

“Our healthcare clients will benefit from Vanessa’s insight and experience as they navigate their most complex and challenging regulatory issues,” said Simpson Thacher’s Co-Administrative Partner Lynn Neuner. M&A Partner Eric Swedenburg added, “Vanessa’s regulatory and transactional experience, which encompasses nearly every facet of the healthcare sector, will complement our leading corporate practices and private equity capabilities.”

Previously, Vanessa held several government positions focused on healthcare regulation and administrative issues. Her experience includes serving as HIPAA Privacy Officer and Attorney for the Department of Public Health for the City of Chicago. Vanessa also worked on Capitol Hill for the Congressional Research Service, advising Members of Congress and their staff regarding healthcare law, administrative law and constitutional law during the creation and passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

“I am delighted to be joining Simpson Thacher,” said Vanessa. “I look forward to working with such a talented group of lawyers and advising the Firm’s clients as they navigate the complexities of deal-making and regulatory issues that can arise in the evolving healthcare landscape.”

Vanessa received her J.D., *cum laude*, from American University, Washington College of Law in 2006, her M.A., with honors, from Queen’s University Belfast in 2002, and her B.S., *magna cum laude*, from Valparaiso University in 2001.

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