

Simpson Thacher Announces New Houston Managing Partners



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New York—April 2, 2024—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP announced today that Matthew Einbinder, Breen Haire and Christopher May have been appointed as Co-Managing Partners of the Firm’s Houston office. They succeed David Lieberman, who will remain a Partner at the Firm.

“Matt, Breen and Chris are strong leaders and extremely talented lawyers,” said Alden Millard, Chair of Simpson Thacher’s Executive Committee. “They will bring the commitment, creativity and collegiality they have demonstrated throughout their careers to their new roles and will be invaluable assets to clients and colleagues alike. We also thank David for his successful leadership of our Houston office and for his many significant contributions to the Firm.”

Matt counsels borrowers, direct lenders and other lenders in complex banking and credit transactions across the energy and infrastructure space. Recognized for his transactional work by *Chambers USA*, and by *The American Lawyer* as a “Trailblazer,” he advises on acquisition and bridge financings, project financings, back leverage financings, workout and restructuring situations and acquisitions of debt portfolios. Matt has also been recognized by *Texas Lawyer*, *Law360*, *The Legal 500* and several others for his work.

Breen is Co-Head of the Firm’s Energy and Infrastructure Practice and focuses on mergers and acquisitions and private equity transactions across the infrastructure sector. Recognized as a “Texas Trailblazer” by *Texas Lawyer*, and by *Chambers USA* and *Texas Monthly*, Breen has practiced in Houston for more than 20 years. His experience includes representing operating companies and investors in the digital infrastructure and transportation sectors, as well as in the power, renewables and oil and gas exploration and production, midstream, oilfield services, contract drilling and petrochemicals industries.

Chris represents leading corporations and private equity sponsors and infrastructure funds on a variety of merger and acquisition transactions. Named one of *Texas Lawyer*’s “Most Effective Dealmakers,” Chris regularly advises clients spanning a wide range of industries, with a particular focus on energy and digital infrastructure. He has also been recognized by *Chambers USA* and *Law360* for his work.

“Our Houston office is known for providing sophisticated advice across the spectrum of energy and infrastructure matters, and we are fortunate to work with such an amazing roster of clients,” said Matt. “We have recently strengthened our Houston team with the additions of M&A Partner Katy Lukaszewski and Tax Partner Adam Arikat and we are looking forward to continuing that growth,” noted Breen. “Our Houston office is now home to 12 partners covering a broad range of practice areas, including capital markets, banking and credit, M&A, private funds and tax.”

“The three of us have witnessed the growth of the Houston office from a small handful a decade ago to more than 60 attorneys in the office today. I am especially proud that, throughout that growth, we have remained committed to providing the highest quality service to our clients while maintaining the camaraderie with our colleagues,” added Chris.

Simpson Thacher’s Houston office offers clients a compelling combination of energy and infrastructure industry knowledge, deep transactional and fund formation experience and exceptional talent. The Houston team provides innovative solutions to address clients’ changing needs amidst shifting markets, as well as deep insight into the highly regulated and competitive energy and infrastructure environment. The team advises on the full spectrum of corporate transactional matters across the energy and infrastructure sectors, including battery storage, digital infrastructure, energy exploration and production, energy transition, midstream, oil field services, power, refining and petrochemicals, renewable energy, utilities and water infrastructure.