

Simpson Thacher Enhances Public Company Advisory Practice



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New York—August 15, 2024—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP today announced that James Rapp rejoined the Firm as a Partner in the Public Company Advisory Practice. He is based in the Firm’s New York office.

“James has extensive experience advising on complex securities law reporting issues that are critically important to our clients,” said Alden Millard, Chair of the Firm’s Executive Committee. “James’ practice is the perfect complement to our incredibly talented bench of lawyers who serve as the ‘right hand’ to our clients’ in-house legal teams on compliance matters, and we are very pleased to welcome him back to the Firm.”

James advises a broad spectrum of clients, ranging from leading private equity firms and hedge funds to issuers, investors and public company officers and directors, on general corporate and securities law matters. His practice is particularly focused on compliance and reporting under Section 16 and Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and Rule 144 of the Securities Act of 1933. This includes structuring transactions and developing related disclosure strategies in relation to acquisitions, investments, trading strategies, initial public offerings, transactions by officers and directors, equity compensation reporting, and registered and unregistered sales by significant shareholders. He rejoins Simpson Thacher from another international law firm.

Karen Hsu Kelley, who is Head of the Firm’s Public Company Advisory Practice, added, “There has been increased rulemaking and regulatory scrutiny by the SEC of compliance and reporting issues, and the addition of James enhances our capabilities to provide clients with forward-looking, nuanced advice on these issues as they evolve. We’re excited to have him back on our team.”

James said, “Simpson Thacher’s collaborative, collegial culture and its roster of clients are second-to-none and I am very excited to rejoin the team.”

Simpson Thacher’s Public Company Advisory Practice serves as the counterpart to clients’ in-house legal teams, advising U.S. and non-U.S. public companies and portfolio companies on all aspects of compliance with the U.S. securities laws and the listing requirements of the major U.S. exchanges. The team offers multifaceted advice, counseling clients on corporate governance, board and executive compensation, internal controls, disclosure controls and procedures, compliance with beneficial ownership reporting requirements, and short-swing profit recovery rules, among many other issues.

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