

## Simpson Thacher Announces Fifteen New Partners

November 19, 2019—New York—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP announced yesterday that it has elevated the following attorneys to Partner, effective January 1, 2020:



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Crystal advises sponsors on the organization, structuring and operation of private investment funds across a range of asset classes. She also advises sponsors on separately managed accounts, co-investments and corporate transactions. She received her J.D. from the University of California Berkeley School of Law and an M.P.A. from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. She received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Howard University.



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Robert is a member of the Firm's Private Funds Practice. He counsels fund sponsors on the establishment and operation of private investment funds across multiple asset classes. He also advises fund sponsors on governance and regulatory compliance matters. In addition, he has represented numerous private equity and venture capital investors on financing and other transactions. Robert received his J.D. from the University of California Berkeley School of Law and an A.B. from Cornell University.



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James leads the Firm's Private Funds Practice in Houston and focuses on the organization and administration of private investment funds across a diverse range of asset classes and strategies. He also advises clients on regulatory and compliance matters, as well as the set-up and operation of alternative investment funds in Luxembourg. He clerked for the Hon. Edward R. Korman, United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. James received his J.D., *summa cum laude*, from Brooklyn Law School and his B.A., with honors, from Southern Methodist University.



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