

## Simpson Thacher Names New Senior Counsel and Counsel

New York—December 17, 2020—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP has promoted the following attorneys to Senior Counsel and Counsel, effective January 1, 2021.

### The new Senior Counsel are:



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With a focus on corporate finance transactions, Lia represents both issuers and underwriters on initial public offerings, high yield financings, debt restructurings, liability management transactions and other domestic and international capital raising transactions. She has a particular focus on offerings of equity-linked securities. She received her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from George Washington University, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif, and a B.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Pennsylvania.

### The new Counsel are:



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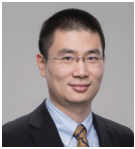
Jihyun is a member of the Firm's Mergers and Acquisitions Practice. She represents private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies, as well as strategic clients, on a broad range of mergers, acquisitions, buyouts, joint ventures, minority investments and dispositions. Jihyun received her J.D., *cum laude*, from Northwestern University School of Law, her M.B.A. from Kellogg School of Management and her B.B.A. from Yonsei University.



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Matt advises on domestic and international equity and debt securities offerings, as well as corporate restructurings, with a focus on high yield offerings and the energy sector. He received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif, and an M.A. and B.S. from Johns Hopkins University. He was a law clerk to the Hon. Carolyn D. King of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.



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