

## Prominent Secondaries Lawyer Joins Simpson Thacher



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**New York—August 2, 2021**—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP announced today that Lauren A. King has joined the Firm as a Partner in the New York office.

“Lauren is a rising star in the secondaries space and her deep experience will add further depth to our premier Private Funds Practice and related Fund Transactions Practice,” said Bill Dougherty, Chairman of Simpson Thacher’s Executive Committee. “Her work on complex secondaries transactions and other fund matters will be of great benefit to our sponsor clients in the United States and globally, and we are delighted to welcome Lauren to the Firm.”

Lauren has extensive experience counseling sponsors in connection with secondaries deals and other transactions designed to provide liquidity to both GPs and investors. She advises on the full range of secondaries transactions, including traditional and synthetic secondaries acquisitions and dispositions and GP-led restructurings. In addition, Lauren works with sponsors on the organization, structuring and operation of secondaries funds, as well as minority stakes deals, upper-tier structuring and succession planning.

“Lauren’s focus on the secondaries market augments our substantial presence in the funds transactional space and enhances our current offerings across multiple practices in that area,” said Michael Wolitzer, Head of Simpson Thacher’s Private Funds Practice. “Her background advising GP-leds, synthetic secondaries and other similar transactions further strengthens our ability to provide sponsor clients with multidisciplinary and value-added advice across the spectrum of alternative asset transactions. We are delighted to have Lauren lead this important growing area in servicing our secondary and other sponsor clients.”

Simpson Thacher’s Fund Transactions Practice advises on the full breadth of secondaries transactions, as well as complex control and minority-stakes transactions involving alternative asset managers and preferred and structured financings for both funds and their management companies. Drawing upon the Firm’s more than 40 years of experience in the private equity industry, the global team comprises private funds, mergers and acquisitions, finance, tax and other lawyers who provide commercially-driven, comprehensive transactional advice for the world’s most sophisticated sponsors. The multidisciplinary team offers deep market knowledge and creative, tailored advice on transactions spanning from minority GP-stake investments to traditional and synthetic secondaries deals, GP-led restructurings, preferred equity transactions and other liquidity solutions.

“Simpson Thacher’s Private Funds capabilities are world-renowned,” said Lauren. “The Firm’s global platform and diverse product offerings are an excellent match for my practice and I’m excited to join this incredibly talented group in providing the sophisticated, proactive advice that Simpson Thacher is known to offer clients.”

Lauren joins Simpson Thacher from another international firm, where she was co-leader of the Secondaries Practice. She received her J.D. from New York University School of Law and her B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Gettysburg College.

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