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# Finance Partner Joins Paul, Weiss in New York

**New York, January 6, 2026** — Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP announced today that Alena Thomas has joined the firm in New York as a partner in the Finance Group within the Corporate Department. Thomas advises private equity sponsors, corporate borrowers and lenders on a wide range of leveraged finance transactions. She joins the firm following the arrival late last year of fellow Finance Group partners Nicholas Schwartz, Mark Adler and Julie Ann Lamm.

“We are delighted to welcome Alena, a talented finance advisor, to our partnership,” said Paul, Weiss Chairman Brad S. Karp. “Her arrival will further enhance our ability to provide sophisticated financing counsel to our clients on their most significant transactions.”

“Alena has represented major private equity firms and their portfolio companies in financing numerous acquisitions in recent years, and we are thrilled to have her on our team,” said Scott A. Barshay, chair of the Paul, Weiss Corporate Department.

Thomas represents private equity firms and their portfolio companies in a wide range of financing transactions, including acquisition financings, cross-border transactions, debt restructurings and complex liability management transactions. She also has substantial expertise in arranging tailored financing structures, including first-lien, second-lien, unitranche, asset-based, recurring-revenue, back-leverage and high-yield financings.

Thomas received a LL.B., with honors, from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She is admitted to practice in New York.

The Paul, Weiss global Finance Group is one of the most dynamic practices in the industry, advising borrowers, investors and lenders on every type of complex financing instrument in the market. The group’s work encompasses borrower and sponsor-side leveraged financings, award-winning securitizations and complex derivatives transactions across a broad array of structures.

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