

# Polsinelli Grows New York Private Equity Practice With Two New Shareholders

(March 2, 2026) Polsinelli is pleased to announce that its **Private Equity Mergers & Acquisitions Practice** has added Shareholders Jonathan K. Kitchen and Daniel E. Cohen in New York, further expanding the firm's private equity platform in one of the country's most active deal markets.

"Jonathan and Daniel represent the kind of strategic talent we are deliberately adding as we continue to scale our private equity platform," said Chase Simmons, Chairman and CEO of Polsinelli. "Their experience and leadership align with our firmwide strategy of investing in high-growth practices and expanding our capabilities in key markets to better serve our clients nationwide."

The arrivals of Kitchen and Cohen continue Polsinelli's sustained growth in New York, where they become the seventh and eighth shareholders to join the office over the past 12 months.

"The continued growth of our New York office reflects the momentum we are building in this market," said William A. Di Bianca, New York Office Managing Partner. "We are focused on bringing in talent that strengthens our presence in the city and surrounding region and also contributes to the connected culture that defines our team here."

"I am excited to join Polsinelli's Private Equity Mergers & Acquisitions Practice, which has established itself as one of the top platforms in the highly competitive middle market," Kitchen said. "I am eager for my clients to experience what drew me to Polsinelli, namely the energetic group of collaborative, high-integrity and focused professionals so clearly committed to the continued success of their clients and the firm. It was easy to understand their success to date, and I am thrilled to be a member of the team going forward."

Cohen added: "I am thrilled to join Polsinelli as the firm continues to build out its strong private equity practice nationally. Polsinelli has deep expertise across multiple practice areas, and I am excited to be able to offer that to clients seeking solid full-service support in the middle market."

Kitchen, who served as vice chair of private equity at his prior firm, concentrates his practice on mergers and acquisitions, private equity and growth transactions, capital reorganizations, financings and general corporate matters on behalf of private capital providers, private equity sponsors and companies. He has substantial experience across a broad range of industries and asset classes, including financial services, technology, investment management, real estate, hospitality, life sciences, health care and energy. Kitchen earned his J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law and his B.S. from the University of Vermont.

Cohen advises private equity firms and their portfolio companies, as well as other public and private companies and family offices, on a broad range of complex transactions, including platform and add-on acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, carve-outs, strategic mergers, structured growth investments, dispositions, special situations transactions and joint ventures. He also counsels clients on general corporate and governance matters. Cohen brings extensive experience advising private equity sponsors

across the investment lifecycle, with a particular focus on growth-oriented and sponsor-driven transactions. Cohen earned his J.D. from Fordham Law School and his B.S. from Excelsior College.

As a leader in middle market M&A transactions, Polsinelli has represented hundreds of private equity funds and portfolio companies in both platform and bolt-on transactions. The firm's Private Equity Mergers & Acquisitions Practice provides integrated, end-to-end transaction support throughout the lifespan of an investment—from debt and equity financings, recapitalizations and special situations to dispositions and exits. Attorneys across the practice excel at assisting portfolio companies as they mature, including managing issues as they arise and capitalizing on opportunities. The team provides essential day-to-day support and practical commercial advice that investments need, including in regulated and niche industries.

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