

# Second Biglaw Firm Litigates Over Rent on Unoccupied Offices During COVID-19 Pandemic

“Simpson Thacher & Bartlett has filed a lawsuit contending that it is entitled to return of rent on unoccupied New York City offices during the COVID-19 pandemic,” reports Debra Cassens Weiss in *ABA Journal*.

“The breach of contract suit, filed Monday in state court in New York, seeks \$8 million in damages, Law.com reports. The suit also seeks a declaratory judgment that the law firm is entitled to rent abatement while the pandemic continues or government mandates continue.”

“According to the suit, Simpson Thacher’s lease has a ‘relatively unique clause’ in the lease for its offices at 425 Lexington Ave.”

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