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## Pierson Ferdinand M&A Partner Moves To NY Business Law Boutique

Business law boutique firm Barton added a new mergers and acquisitions partner in New York on Thursday with an intent to add even more talent to its corporate practices soon.

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### What You Need to Know

- Jeffrey Symons joined Barton in New York on Thursday.
- Symons focuses on mergers and acquisitions work, and he said in an interview that the firm is seeking to add more attorneys with related skills.



**Jeffrey Symons of Barton LLP. Courtesy photo**

New York business law boutique Barton has added a new mergers and acquisitions partner to its ranks from Pierson Ferdinand, a lateral move that matches the legal market's trends this year of active transactional attorney movement and large firm partners making the switch to smaller outfits.

Jeffrey Symons joined Barton on Thursday as a partner following a six-month stint at Pierson Ferdinand and a year at Foley & Lardner before that. Symons was also previously at Schulte Roth & Zabel before it merged into McDermott Will & Schulte and was also formerly a partner at Jones Day and Kirkland & Ellis.

In an interview, Symons said that he had not been looking to leave Pierson Ferdinand and that he was happy with the work he was doing there, but that when he was extended the offer to come to Barton he could not pass up the chance to make use of its platform.

According to Symons, his new firm is looking to add more talent to its corporate practices soon and he is helping with that recruitment process. Specifically, he said that the firm is out for people with skills like securities expertise that can supplement his own mergers and acquisitions capabilities.

“I haven't even been here 48 hours, there's already been a wave of new things coming in and opportunities being set up to meet people,” Symons said. “There's a lot of opportunity. We just need to pull the right team together and go out and chase it.”

Symons' move to Barton comes as the legal market for mergers and acquisitions attorneys—and anyone dealing with transaction-related work at all, really—continues to see increased demand in the [back half of 2025](#) following some less-than-stellar growth amid economic uncertainty and inconsistent global trade policy in the first two quarters.

Roger Barton, the boutique's managing partner, said in a statement that Symons comes with “deep transactional experience” that will be of use to the firm and its clients navigate major deals at a high level.

“Jeff's arrival marks the fourth Big Law partner hire Barton has made this year, reflecting our continued commitment to creating the leading mid-sized alternative to Big Law for clients who are seeking high level legal services delivered in an efficient and business-focused manner,” Barton said.

The legal market has seen a lot of talent [moving between firms](#) this year, significantly more so than in recent years. Many of those moves have been large law firm partners departing to form their own boutiques, such as the co-chairs of litigation at Brown Rudnick [recently did](#), or joining up with established smaller shops in the interest of efficiency or more focused practice work.

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