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“Best Lawyers in America” Recognizes 47 Spencer Fane Attorneys

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Spencer Fane is pleased to announce that 47 of the firm’s attorneys have been selected for inclusion in the 2017 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*. Attorneys are recognized in their respective practice areas ranging from white collar criminal defense and environmental litigation to bankruptcy and tax law.

Best Lawyers in America is one of the nation’s leading publications for attorney rankings as well as firm rankings for which it partners with *U.S. News & World Report*. Now in its 33rd year, *Best Lawyers* is published internationally in nearly 70 countries and compiles its rankings based on annual peer-reviews from more than 6.7 million confidential surveys.

Inclusion among *Best Lawyers* is a significant honor and the firm is proud to have such strong representation in this year’s issue.

In addition to their inclusion in *Best Lawyers*, several Spencer Fane attorneys were also named as “Lawyer of the Year,” an exclusive honor given to one lawyer per practice area in a community. The following attorneys were each recognized as a “Lawyer of the Year”:

- Eric L. Johnson, Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Michael F. Delaney, Employment Law – Individuals
- Norman E. Fretwell, Banking and Finance Law
- Scott E. Blakesley, Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- James R. Dankenbring, Corporate Compliance Law
- K. Edward Holderle III, Non-Profit / Charities Law
- Ravi Sundara, Corporate Governance Law
- Joe Bednar, Criminal Defense: General Practice
- Laura J. Bond, Health Care Law

Best Lawyers has recognized the following attorneys in its 2017 edition:

DENVER, CO

Philip M. Quatrochi (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2017)

- Litigation – Labor and Employment

Stuart Pack (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2012)

- Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

JEFFERSON CITY, MO

Joe Bednar (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2005)

- Criminal Defense: General Practice
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar

RELATED ATTORNEYS

- Gregory L. Ash
- J. Nick Badgerow
- Joe Bednar
- Scott E. Blakesley
- Laura J. Bond
- Robert A. Browning
- Bradford J. Cytron
- James R. Dankenbring
- Michael F. Delaney
- Kyle L. Elliott
- Robert H. Epstein
- Norman E. Fretwell
- Scott J. Goldstein
- Gerald P. Greiman
- W. Joseph Hatley
- Carl H. Helmstetter
- Richard H. Hertel
- Michael D. Hockley
- K. Edward Holderle III
- Thomas W. Jerry
- Eric L. Johnson
- Ronald L. Langstaff
- Robert Lattinville
- Kenneth A. (Ken) Mason
- Richard Mersman
- Francis X. Neuner, Jr.
- Thomas E. Osterholt, Jr.
- Eric C. Peterson
- Gary A. Powell
- Leonard J. Pranschke
- James T. Price
- Glenn K. Robbins
- Michael F. Saunders
- Richard W. Scarritt
- Erik O. Solverud
- Ravi Sundara
- Mark A. Thornhill
- Julia M. Vander Weele
- Sue K. Willman
- David L. Wing
- David N. Zimmerman

KANSAS CITY, MO

Carl H. Helmstetter (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 1995)

- Environmental Law
- Litigation – Environmental

David N. Zimmerman (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2009)

- Litigation and Controversy – Tax
- Tax Law

Eric L. Johnson (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2010)

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Litigation – Bankruptcy

H. Elvin Knight, Jr. (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 1995)

- Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- Tax Law
- Trusts and Estates

James T. Price (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 1989)

- Environmental Law
- Litigation – Environmental
- Water Law

Julia M. Vander Wee (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2016)

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Kyle L. Elliott (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2014)

- Patent Law

Lisa A. Epps (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2012)

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Mark A. Thornhill (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2008)

- Criminal Defense: White-Collar

Michael D. Hockley (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2005)

- Environmental Law
- Litigation – Environmental

Michael F. Delaney (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2012)

- Employment Law – Individuals
- Employment Law – Management
- Labor Law – Management
- Litigation – Labor and Employment

Norman E. Fretwell (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2005)

- Banking and Finance Law
- Financial Services Regulation Law

Richard W. Scarritt (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 1983)

- Real Estate Law

Ronald L. Langstaff (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 1987)

- Tax Law

Scott E. Blakesley (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 1995)

- Litigation – Trusts and Estates
- Trusts and Estates

Scott J. Goldstein (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2001)

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Sue K. Willman (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2009)

- Employment Law – Management
- Labor Law – Management

W. Joseph Hatley (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2013)

- Commercial Litigation

OVERLAND PARK, KS

David L. Wing (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2007)

- Employment Law – Management
- Labor Law – Management
- Litigation – Labor and Employment

Gregory L. Ash (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2008)

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Litigation – ERISA

J. Nick Badgerow (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2008)

- Arbitration
- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation – Construction
- Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Mediation

Kenneth A. Mason (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2001)

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Laura J. Bond (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2012)

- Health Care Law

Lawrence Jenab (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2013)

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Litigation – ERISA

Michael F. Saunders (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2016)

- Antitrust Law

Richard H. Hertel (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2005)

- Real Estate Law

Robert A. Browning (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2010)

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

SPRINGFIELD, MO

Gary A. Powell (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2012)

- Trusts and Estates

ST. LOUIS, MO

Bradford J. Cytron (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2016)

- Real Estate Law

Eric C. Peterson (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2015)

- Commercial Litigation

Erik O. Solverud (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2017)

- Litigation – Labor and Employment

Francis X. Neuner, Jr. (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2013)

- Commercial Litigation
- Employment Law – Management
- Litigation – Labor and Employment

Gerald P. Greiman (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2011)

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation

Glenn K. Robbins (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2013)

- Copyright Law
- Litigation – Patent
- Patent Law
- Trademark Law

James R. Dankenbring (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2012)

- Corporate Compliance Law
- Corporate Governance Law
- Corporate Law
- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Tax Law

Jane E. Dueker (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2013)

- Government Relations Practice

K. Edward Holderle III (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2013)

- Corporate Law
- Non-Profit / Charities Law

Leonard J. Pranschke (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2007)

- Non-Profit / Charities Law

Ravi Sundara (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2014)

- Corporate Governance Law
- Securities / Capital Markets Law

Richard K. Mersman III (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2010)

- Real Estate Law

Robert Epstein (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2017)

- Real Estate Law

Robert H. Lattinville (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2007)

- Sports Law

Thomas Osterholt (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2016)

- Real Estate Law

Thomas W. Jerry (Listed in *Best Lawyers* since 2013)

- Real Estate Law