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22 Spencer Fane Attorneys Earn 2026 Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers Recognitions

Spencer Fane is pleased to announce that 10 of the firm's attorneys have been selected to the 2026 edition of *Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers* and 12 have been recognized as Rising Stars.

The selected attorneys and their practice areas are:

2026 Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers

- Tim Ahrenhoersterbaeumer: Civil Litigation (Defense)
- Daniel Blegen: Business Litigation
- Bryant Lamer: Business Litigation
- Patrick McInerney: Criminal Defense (White Collar)
- Jessica Merrigan: Environmental Law
- Nate Orr: Business Litigation
- Jacob Sappington: Civil Litigation (Defense)
- David Schatz: Construction Litigation
- Melinda Ward: Estate & Probate
- Patrick Whalen: Intellectual Property Litigation

2026 Missouri and Kansas Rising Stars

- Joshua Decker: Estate & Probate
- Paul Jacobson: Environmental Law
- Kyle Klucas: Business Litigation
- Amy Lewandowski: Business Litigation
- Robert Mahon: Mergers & Acquisitions
- Hillary Martel: Health Care

- Dane Martin: Business Litigation
- John R. Moore: Mergers & Acquisitions
- Kristen O'Neal: Personal Injury Medical Malpractice (Defense)
- Emily Reed: Business Litigation
- Kate Schwarze: Civil Litigation (Defense)
- Blake D. Smith: Business Litigation

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