



35 Spencer Fane Attorneys Merit 2026 Chambers USA Recognition

Spencer Fane is pleased to announce 35 firm attorneys in 14 different practice areas have earned inclusion in the 2026 edition of [Chambers USA](#), including rankings at the state and national levels. Eight practices were also recognized under their own rankings.

Chambers USA is a renowned legal directory that recognizes the nation's leading lawyers through a rigorous research and selection process that relies heavily on in-depth interviews and client feedback. Rankings in the U.S. directory are assessed on specific criteria, including technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial astuteness, diligence, commitment, and other qualities most valued by clients.

The following attorneys have been recognized in 2026:

Construction

- [Diana Lyn Curtis Shutzer](#), Washington D.C. – Band 4

Corporate / M&A

- [Raj Gangadean](#), Phoenix, AZ – Band 3
- [Mike McCann](#), Kansas City, MO – Band 3

Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation

- [John Utz](#), Overland Park, KS – Band 1
- [Julia Vander Weele](#), Kansas City, MO – Band 1

Energy: State Regulatory and Litigation (Electricity)

- [Eleanor D'Ambrosio](#), Austin, TX – Up and Coming
- [Cathy Webking](#), Austin, TX – Band 2

Environment

- [Andrew Brought](#), Kansas City, MO – Band 2
- [Jessica Merrigan](#), Kansas City, MO – Band 2
- [Jim Price](#), Kansas City, MO – Senior Statespeople
- [Kathleen Whitby](#), St. Louis, MO – Band 1

Food & Beverages: Alcohol

- [Hannah Becker](#), Nationwide – Band 4
- [Richard Blau](#), Nationwide – Band 1
- [Valerie Haber](#), Nationwide – Band 3

Insurance

- [Scott Davis](#), Dallas, TX – Band 4
- [Linda Knight](#), Denver, CO – Band 1
- [Jeremy Moseley](#), Denver, CO – Band 2
- [Terence Ridley](#), Denver, CO – Band 1
- [Kayla Scroggins-Uptigrove](#), Denver, CO – Up and Coming
- [Evan Stephenson](#), Denver, CO – Band 1
- [David Timmins](#), Dallas, TX – Band 2

Intellectual Property

- [DJ Healey](#), National – Band 3; Houston, TX – Band 2
- [Christopher Ralston](#), New Orleans, LA – Band 2

Litigation: General Commercial

- [Keith Call](#), Salt Lake City, UT – Band 4
- [Christopher Ralston](#), New Orleans, LA – Band 2
- [Nicholas Santoro](#), Las Vegas, NV – Band 1

Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations

- [Nathan Crane](#), Salt Lake City, UT – Band 2
- [Patrick McInerney](#), Kansas City, MO – Band 1
- [Rick Van Wagoner](#), Salt Lake City, UT – Band 1
- [Ed Yarbrough](#), Nashville, TN – Senior Statespeople

Mediators

- [Alvin Zimmerman](#), National – Band 2

Real Estate

- [Daniel Burke](#), St. Louis, MO – Band 3
- [Pete Heaven](#), Overland Park, KS – Band 1

Tax

- [Kelly Mooney](#), Phoenix, AZ – Band 2

Water Law

- [Evan Johnson](#), Austin, TX – Band 2
- [Jeff Wechsler](#), Santa Fe, NM – Band 1

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