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## **Advantage CLE Series 2025**

**June 3–June 26, 2025**

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12:00 pm CDT – 1:00 pm CDT

Take advantage of this opportunity to scoop up nearly half of your CLEs. Spencer Fane offers eight 60-minute webinars on Tuesdays and Thursdays – and one Wednesday – in June, including Ethics and Diversity/Unconscious Bias credits.

All sessions showcase the Spencer Fane advantage through topics curated to offer broad appeal to corporate counsel across a variety of industries. Utilizing knowledge from their wide range of practice groups, our Spencer Fane attorneys are here to help you check this off your to-do list AND improve your business.

### **Navigating the Complexities of Today's Legal Landscape: A Federal Executive Order Update**

June 3, 2025

Join us for an engaging panel discussion where Spencer Fane attorneys from various practice areas share their insights on the latest federal executive order updates and challenges in estate planning, labor and employment, environmental law, international dispute resolution, and more. This webinar provides valuable perspectives on navigating these areas of law under the new administration's policies and regulations.

## **Know Your Alternatives: Common Non-Bankruptcy Alternatives in Troubled Loans**

June 5, 2025

While many lenders are familiar with dealing with troubled loans once they are in bankruptcy, there are a variety of non-bankruptcy alternatives that a lender should be aware of as part of its loan enforcement toolbox. Depending upon the circumstances, bankruptcy alternatives can provide a lower-cost option to formal bankruptcy proceedings with greater control, flexibility, and speed. This presentation covers three common types of bankruptcy alternatives:

1. Receiverships (State and Federal)
2. Assignments for the Benefit of Creditors
3. Forbearance, Composition, and Deed in Lieu Agreement

## **Yellowstone and Eminent Domain: Separating Myth from Reality at the Dutton Ranch**

June 10, 2025

Whether you binge watched Yellowstone or not, this presentation is for anyone interested in learning more about a government's ability to take private property for public use. No knowledge of Jamie's complicated relationship with John, Beth's aggressive tactics, or Casey's trauma needed! Eminent domain practitioners from multiple states will discuss the various statements made about eminent domain in the hit show Yellowstone, and explain which statements are grounded in reality and which ones just make for good TV. This session addresses the general concept of eminent domain and hit on some state-specific issues from the show under multiple state laws including Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri, Kansas, and Arizona.

## **The Need for Zeal in the Practice of Law, and the Upper and Lower Limits of that Zeal, with Numerous Case Examples**

June 12, 2025

The Rules of Professional Conduct (and basic professional rectitude) require that attorneys represent their clients with “reasonable diligence and promptness.” Overlaying that requirement is the duty to represent each client with “zeal.” However, too many lawyers fail to pursue each representation with that degree of commitment, to their client’s harm, while too many (other) lawyers take the mantle of zeal to the opposite extreme to the extent of overzealousness. This program explores the legal duty imposed on each lawyer to represent each client zealously while examining the upper and lower extremes of this duty as evidenced by real case examples.

*This session is being submitted for Ethics credit where applicable.*

## **Low Hanging Fruit: Practical Steps for All Clients to Protect their Brands and Creative Content**

June 17, 2025

In today’s competitive environment, clients often overlook easy ways to protect one of their most valuable assets – their intellectual property (IP). Almost every client owns valuable trademarks in its name and brand. Most clients also own copyrights, at least on their website, if not also in the content they create specific for their business. This practical webinar gives clients practical advice on the benefits of registering their marks and copyrights and while providing guidance on how to protect rights of publicity (or NIL) and trade secrets, all with an eye toward securing and increasing the value of their IP.

## **The History of Juneteenth and its Impact Today with Dr. Opal Lee and Mrs. Dione Sims**

June 18, 2025

Join the Spencer Fane BOND Committee as we delve into the historical and legal significance of Juneteenth, featuring the esteemed Dr. Opal Lee, affectionately known as the “Grandmother of Juneteenth,” and her granddaughter, Mrs. Dione Sims, President and Founder of Unity Unlimited, Inc. Explore the profound significance of Juneteenth in American history, tracing its origins and the journey to its recognition

as a national holiday, alongside Dr. Lee's personal story highlighting her relentless efforts in advocating for Juneteenth, the challenges she faced, and how she overcame them.

This webinar focuses on the legal process and implications of establishing a national holiday. We cover the legal framework of national holidays, including the bipartisan support that led to Juneteenth's inclusion in U.S. Code Title 5, Section 6103. Insights on the lobbying efforts, the walk, and the online petition that were instrumental in this achievement will be shared.

Additionally, we will explore the role of legal advocacy in civil rights movements, drawing historical parallels from the pre-Civil War era to the present day. The discussion will emphasize the importance of legal knowledge in protecting and advancing civil liberties. Ethical considerations in advocating for social justice within legal practice will also be addressed, providing valuable insights for legal professionals.

*This session is being submitted for Diversity and Inclusion credit where applicable.*

## **Innovative Asset Strategies: Patents in Banking and Corporate Environments**

June 24, 2025

In the world of business and banking, traditional assets like real estate, inventory, stocks, and bonds are well understood. However, intellectual property such as patents, copyrights, and trade secrets represent a unique and often underutilized asset class. Patents grant the right to exclude others from making, using, or selling inventions, and their value depends on whether these inventions are actively used in business and whether appropriate compensation is being paid for this right. Patents that are not utilized hold little to no value, and their time-limited nature means their value diminishes over time. Copyrights and trade secrets each raise their own unique issues and require close attention in any deal.

This webinar introduces you to the concept of intellectual property as a distinct asset and explore how to effectively use, treat, and evaluate them in various business contexts and transactions. Join our panel of professionals in intellectual

property, banking, corporate, and bankruptcy law as they delve into the intricacies of managing patents in business transactions.

## **Everything is Bigger in Texas (Business Court): Why the Lone Star State is the New Forum for Business Litigation**

June 26, 2025

As Texas becomes the go-to destination for corporate-friendly litigation, learn how to position your business to take full advantage of this favorable environment. Join us for an insightful program designed to equip professionals with a practical understanding of the new Texas Business Court. Discover its structure, jurisdiction, and procedural rules, as well as important considerations for businesses and their legal counsel.

*Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits are pending in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah. CLE credit application and approval processes vary per state and may not be available after certain state deadlines. Please email [education@spencerfane.com](mailto:education@spencerfane.com) if you have questions about credits.*