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Ben Shantz Featured on Cover of Biz 417's 2026 10 For the Next 10 Issue

Spencer Fane is pleased to announce attorney [Ben Shantz](#) as one of *Biz 417's* 2026 10 for the Next 10. The publication also featured him on the cover of its July/August 2026 issue, which highlights this year's distinguished honorees.

This distinction highlights 10 business professionals across southwest Missouri who have established early-career reputations for leadership as well as business and community impact. In his honoree profile – which notes everything from his favorite coffee order to his people-centered approach to work and civic engagement – Ben explains his leadership mindset.

"I think of myself as a servant leader and an experiential leader," he said, emphasizing collaboration and accessibility. "My door is quite literally and figuratively always open."

At Spencer Fane, Ben is a trial attorney and counselor who helps his clients by fighting for their interests both in and out of court so they can focus on growing their businesses. He has a reputation for providing practical legal advice that enables clients to make real-time, critical business decisions. Ben uses his experience in the courtroom to help clients prevent litigation in the first place and best position them when disputes do arise by drafting a wide range of contracts to better protect their interests on the front end.

Read Ben's full *Biz 417* honoree profile [here](#).