## Experienced Attorney Joins Real Estate Practice in Spencer Fane Phoenix Office

Spencer Fane LLP is pleased to announce <u>Timothy P. Burr</u> joined the Real Estate practice group as an of counsel attorney in the firm's Phoenix office.

Timothy represents buyers, sellers, developers, investors, lenders, and business owners in a wide variety of real estate, financing, and commercial transactions, developing strategic plans based on a meticulous evaluation of risks and advantages. Well versed in alternative dispute resolution, he also represents clients as a mediator, arbitrator, and mediation advocate.

Notably, Timothy was the author of a petition to the Arizona Supreme Court and architect of the campaign that resulted in the subsequent adoption by the Court of an admission on motion rule for Arizona, which permits experienced Arizona attorneys to gain access to admission in other reciprocal states without taking another bar exam. Following the rule change, the Court appointed Timothy to serve on the Admission on Motion Task Force.

"Timothy's extensive experience in a wide range of transactions combined with his precedent-setting drive will instantly boost our real estate practice in meaningful ways," said <u>David Funkhouser</u>, Office Managing Partner for Spencer Fane in Phoenix. "On top of that, his background as a successful mediator and arbitrator will provide valuable services to our clients who are considering alternative dispute resolution."

Timothy was a faculty member at Arizona State University College of Law and served as the director of the Foreclosure Mediation Unit (FMU), which provided impartial mediation services between lenders and residential borrowers facing foreclosure through a court-connected program with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona. Timothy designed the FMU program rules, procedures, and forms and then used that framework to develop and lead the academic component.

Timothy completed his undergraduate studies at Arizona State University and earned his Juris Doctor at Pepperdine University School of Law.