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Experienced Trial Attorney Joins Spencer Fane in Springfield

Spencer Fane LLP is pleased to welcome S. Jacob Sappington to the firm's Springfield, Missouri, office as a partner in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice Group.

Backed by more than two decades of legal experience, Jacob represents a diverse assortment of clients in complex and high-stakes commercial litigation – focusing on tort, business, and insurance matters – forming sound legal strategies to limit clients' financial and operational exposure, advance their interests, and protect their reputations.

A prolific trial attorney, Jacob has achieved favorable outcomes in dozens of trials for both plaintiffs and defendants, as well as arbitrations and administrative hearings, with his total portfolio of work spanning hundreds of cases. He also boasts an extensive appellate practice in which he has prosecuted and defended a wide variety of appeals, including future damages under Missouri law.

"Jacob's experience across multiple, often intersecting industries and successful management of high-exposure cases will be a valuable addition to our firm's largest practice group – with agile decision-making and fierce advocacy at the core of their success," said Jason C. Smith, office managing partner for Spencer Fane in Springfield. "As he joins a talented team of litigators collaborating across 33 national offices, we are excited to welcome his time-tested strategies here in Springfield."

Jacob earned both his bachelor's degree *magna cum laude* and his Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri. He has been distinguished several times over the course of his professional career and community advocacy efforts, including as a *Springfield Business Journal* 40 Under 40 honoree, *Missouri and Kansas Super*

Lawyer, Leadership Springfield graduate, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks James Sutliff Legacy Award winner.