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Kerry Hodges Deepens Employee Benefits Bench for Spencer Fane in Phoenix

Spencer Fane LLP is pleased to announce that <u>Kerry Hodges</u> has joined the Employee Benefits Practice Group as a partner in the firm's Phoenix office.

Kerry's practice focuses on advising employers, fiduciaries, trustees, and other benefits providers. He provides clients with innovative and practical solutions that yield significant cost savings and recoveries for his clients.

Primarily serving clients in the construction industry, Kerry devotes a substantial part of his practice to representing trustees of multiemployer (Taft-Hartley) employee benefit plans, including pension, defined contribution, health and welfare, vacation, and apprenticeship trust funds. He advises trustees in virtually all facets of plan operations, helping them fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities in a complex, evershifting legal environment.

"The Employee Benefits team at Spencer Fane regularly translates complex benefits issues into understandable decision points, allowing business leaders to take advantage of opportunities while remaining on the right side of an increasingly burdensome regulatory environment," said David Funkhouser, Office Managing Partner for Spencer Fane in Phoenix. "Kerry shares our commitment to collaborative and efficient client service and utilization of the firm's cross-discipline experience to provide comprehensive and effective counsel critical to successful and profitable business operations."

Before pursuing a legal career, Kerry played baseball collegiately at Texas Tech University and professionally for two seasons in the Houston Astros minor league system. He completed his undergraduate studies at Texas Tech and later earned his Juris Doctor from Regent University School of Law before completing a clerkship for

the Hon. James A. Teilborg of the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona.