



## Lierz Joins Litigation Practice Group at Spencer Fane

Spencer Fane LLP is pleased to announce [Ariel Lierz](#) has joined the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice Group as an associate in the firm's Minneapolis office.

Lierz provides legal counsel to clients across a broad array of industries including healthcare, insurance, and tribal law. Lierz has a background in handling anti-fraud litigation including healthcare provider fraud, arson, and property loss. Lierz is often at the forefront in investigating and finding instances of fraud, abuse, and misrepresentations to assist clients in seeking the appropriate remedies. Lierz is also well versed in complex commercial litigation and contract disputes.

"As our office continues to strengthen our litigation practice, Ariel will be a great resource to reach the litigation needs of our current and prospective clients," said Don Heeman, Office Managing Partner for Spencer Fane in Minneapolis. "Spencer Fane remains committed to a high level of service while handling our clients' most complex problems. Ariel's skillset and experience in litigation complements the firm's focus of providing responsive and efficient client service, and we are delighted to welcome her to the office."

Prior to entering private practice, Lierz worked as a Certified Student Attorney in Menominee Tribal Court providing tribal members with public defender services. She gained significant experience researching and drafting motions based upon a series of complex federal, state, and tribal laws. Lierz also worked for a document management business, allowing her the opportunity to develop and hone research and document drafting skills applicable to important e-discovery and data management in the law firm setting.

Additionally, Lierz worked as a research assistant with the Public Health Law Center under the ClearWay Minnesota grant on the WorkSHIFTS research project, which is a

collaborative labor outreach program that works with labor unions to bring awareness among workers of the risks associated with tobacco products, with a goal of increasing access to tobacco cessation products among blue-collar union members and their families. In this role, she interpreted and analyzed insurance policies while maintaining a comprehensive database of findings.

Lierz completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Kansas and later earned her Juris Doctor summa cum laude from the William Mitchell College of Law in 2015.