## Matt O'Connor Brings Accomplished National Real Estate Practice to Spencer Fane in Phoenix

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

Matt counsels individuals, companies, developers, builders, property owners, and financial institutions on all aspects of efficient real estate transactions, regardless of size and complexity. He has a proven track record of guiding clients through legal matters associated with leasing, finance, asset acquisition and disposition, portfolio acquisitions, 1031 exchanges, condemnation and easements, and leveraged transactions on both the buy and sell sides.

In addition, Matt also brings valuable experience in pre-litigation workouts for real estate entities in distressed asset scenarios, including those involving COVID-19. He will collaborate with attorneys in the firm's nationally respected Financial Services and Bankruptcy practice groups to manage national litigation portfolios for large clients in order to eliminate or fully reduce insolvency risk.

"Matt's proven ability to work with a full spectrum of clients in real estate matters critical to business success makes him a tremendous asset to our collaborative work at Spencer Fane," said <u>David Funkhouser</u>, Office Managing Partner for Spencer Fane in Phoenix. "He shares our commitment to responsive and creative client service, and we look forward to utilizing his broad skill set to deepen our capabilities of handling transactions not only in Phoenix but also throughout our firm's broad footprint."

Matt completed his undergraduate studies at Trinity University in San Antonio and later earned his Juris Doctor from Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Prior to entering private practice, he completed an externship with the Hon. John C. Gemmill of the Arizona Court of Appeals.