



## **Serena O'Neil and Troy Dobbs Discuss Legal Careers with Law Students**

Last October, Spencer Fane attorney [Serena O'Neil](#) and [Troy Dobbs](#) joined other members of the Minnesota State Bar Association Probate, Trusts and Estates section for a campus lunch panel with University of St. Thomas School of Law students.

The panelists discussed their career trajectories and answered students' questions about what it is like to work in trusts and estates law. This meeting was one of the most recent ways Serena and Troy have nurtured the development of students interested in law. Serena is a co-chair and Troy is a member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee of the Minnesota State Bar Association Probate, Trusts and Estates section. The committee focuses on encouraging law students to consider careers in trust and estate law. In addition, Serena has served as a mentor for the University of St. Thomas School of Law's Mentor Externship Program for five years.

At the firm, Serena and Troy maintain person-centered estate planning practices in which they partner with clients to create personalized estate plans that fit their family, wealth, charitable, and business goals. Serena and Troy often work with high-net-worth individuals and business owners to craft estate plans and draft many different types of trusts that meet their business succession planning, tax planning, and charitable giving objectives.