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## Smith Named Office Managing Partner for Spencer Fane in Springfield

Spencer Fane LLP is pleased to announce [Jason C. Smith](#) has been named office managing partner for the firm's office in Springfield, Missouri. His duties became effective March 15, 2021.

Smith takes over duties from Richard E. Walters, who remains with the firm as a partner.

"Since opening the Springfield office in 2014, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our attorneys and our staff to grow the presence of Spencer Fane in the Springfield community. We fully endorse Jason as our new managing partner and our Springfield office will benefit from Jason's track record as a committed, thoughtful, and talented leader," Walters said. "In his new role, Jason will lead us forward with the same level of energy and resolve that our clients have come to expect from him over the past several years"

A partner at Spencer Fane since 2014, Smith is a trial lawyer who represents clients from individuals to Fortune 500 companies in business matters and litigation throughout the country. He has defended class action cases and handled complex contract and tort claims in health care, retail, construction, banking, manufacturing, higher education and other industries. He also has extensive experience representing clients in construction and real estate matters, including contract review and negotiation, payment disputes, claims of defective design and defective workmanship, prevailing wage matters, and general claims resolution.

"I look forward to the opportunity to serve Spencer Fane in this new leadership role," Smith said. "Our firm remains committed to high levels of client service and pursuing growth that aligns with the needs of our clients. I will work to maintain a focus on this

vision, collaborating with other firm leaders and advancing the profile of our office in Springfield with the local business community.”