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Spencer Fane Adds 3 Experienced Bankruptcy Attorneys in Plano

Spencer Fane LLP is pleased to announce the addition of three attorneys in the firm's Plano office. Partners <u>Gerrit Pronske</u> and <u>Jason Kathman</u> and of counsel attorney Megan Clontz join and strengthen the Bankruptcy, Restructuring, and Creditors' Rights practice group.

"Our firm has an established and continually growing track record of success across the country in bankruptcy matters," said Paul Sander, Office Managing Partner for the Plano office at Spencer Fane. "As we continue to identify priority needs for our clients and provide them the necessary resources to effectively handle those matters, bankruptcy and restructuring continues to be an area of focus for us. The opportunity to add three talented and highly respected attorneys in this practice area with a shared focus on responsive and efficient client service puts us in a position to maintain our strength and continue to expand our capabilities in this sector of law for our market."

ABOUT THE ATTORNEYS

Gerrit Pronske — Pronske has built a strong practice focused on all areas of bankruptcy, business law, commercial litigation, and real estate and is also a trained mediator specializing in cases involving bankruptcy, insolvency, and commercial disputes. He has significant experience in Chapter 11 proceedings and bankruptcy mediations, and authored "Pronske's Texas Bankruptcy, Annotated," a 1,100-page textbook used by bankruptcy practitioners throughout Texas, currently in its 20th edition and published by *Texas Lawyer*. He completed his undergraduate studies at Texas Tech University and earned his Juris Doctor from the Texas Tech University School of Law.

Jason Kathman — Kathman represents not only financially distressed companies but also creditors and lenders in bankruptcy proceedings and litigation. He specifically has built experience in the hospitality, manufacturing, restaurant, and oil and gas industries and currently serves as the chair of the Bankruptcy Section for the Dallas Bar Association. Kathman handles all aspects of bankruptcy, including litigation matters such as preference, fraudulent transfer, discharge, dischargeability, and other state law-based actions. He attended Texas Tech University for his undergraduate degree and later earned his Juris Doctor from the Texas Wesleyan University School of Law.

Megan Clontz — Clontz focuses her practice on representing clients in small business reorganizations and restructurings and debtor and creditor rights in both state and federal courts. She handles all aspects of bankruptcy, including litigation matters such as preferences, fraudulent transfers, discharge, dischargeability, and state law-based actions and has represented debtors and creditors in Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases and complex mortgage and consumer rights litigation. She completed her undergraduate studies in economics at the University of Texas at Austin and earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Alabama School of Law.