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Spencer Fane Environmental Group Honored by Chambers USA

Spencer Fane is pleased to announce *Chambers USA* has recognized its environmental team as a Band 2 practice in Kansas City, Missouri. The firm was one of only four total firms ranked in this category.

"Spencer Fane boasts a recognized Kansas City-centered practice, renowned for its regulatory counseling and litigation," *Chambers USA* reports. "It advises clients on a range of environmental issues including cleanup matters, compliance with the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act and asbestos litigation. The group has a significant toxic tort defense and OSHA practice."

Chambers USA is a legal guide that recognizes the nation's leading lawyers based on a research process that relies heavily on in-depth interviews and client feedback. Rankings in the U.S. directory are assessed on specific criteria, including technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial astuteness, diligence, commitment, and other qualities most valued by clients.

In addition to the firm ranking, *Chambers USA* recognized five individual attorneys on the team as notable practitioners in their field, including:

- Michael Hockley: "Noted for his well-established toxic tort practice, while offering broader strengths in areas such as Clean Air Act compliance. He also advises clients on federal procurement cases."
- Jessica Merrigan: "Has an expansive practice covering litigation, regulatory, and transactional matters. She also has a considerable offering in the chemical manufacturing space."

- James Price: “Has a broad environmental practice that sees him handle both contentious and transactional mandates. He is particularly well known for his experience in the cleanup space.”
- Kathleen Whitby: “Her litigation capabilities are complemented by additional ADR experience, which includes numerous appointments as a mediator.”
- Andrew Brought: “An increasingly noteworthy presence in the environmental regulatory space, with a practice that sees him regularly counsel on OSHA compliance. He also advises on disputes and transactional support matters.”