



Spencer Fane Hosts Inaugural EmpowerHER Summit

Spencer Fane was pleased to host the inaugural Women ADVOCATE EmpowerHER Summit on September 4-5 in Kansas City. This exclusive event provided an exceptional professional development program to Spencer Fane women attorneys and dozens of its female clients from across its diverse client base.

Held at the Loews Kansas City Hotel, EmpowerHER offered engaging sessions designed to excite, engage, and empower. The programming provided valuable insights on topics such as workplace empathy, navigating conflicts, and strategies for boardroom achievement. These presentations were led by a lineup of accomplished Spencer Fane attorneys ([Camber Jones](#), [Jane Fedder](#), [Theresa Becerra](#), [DeAndrea Washington](#), and [Julia Vander Weele](#)) and other esteemed female leaders including Mara Liasson (NPR Washington Desk Correspondent), Marla Persky (President and CEO of WOMN LLC), Dr. Nicole Price (Chief Executive Officer of Lively Paradox), and many more.

Attendees also enjoyed multiple networking and dining opportunities, including a dinner and reception at CPKC Stadium, the first stadium in the world built specifically for a women's professional sports team, the Kansas City Current. This experience featured entertainment from Eboni Fondren, a Shop Local KC pop-up shop highlighting handmade goods from local woman-owned businesses; a guided tour of the facility; and words from KC Current Stadium General Manager Stefanie Tomlin.

Women ADVOCATE, the Spencer Fane connect group for female and allied professionals, served as the driving force behind this Summit. Together with the firm's DEI Committee and other firm leadership, Women ADVOCATE created the EmpowerHER Committee – [Linda Knight](#), [Kersten Holzhueter](#), Camber, Theresa, [Amy Mistler](#), **Bernadette Lawson**, [James Crumlin](#), and [Heather Morris](#) – to conceptualize and execute an event born out of Women ADVOCATE's core principles: advance,

develop, visualize, own, champion, advise, thrive, and engage. This initiative is the latest in the firm's ongoing commitment to not only support like-minded professionals and networks but to foster a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable environment for all.

Learn more about the Summit [here](#) and about DEI efforts at Spencer Fane [here](#).