



Spencer Fane Officially Welcomes New Colleagues in Southwest

Spencer Fane LLP is pleased to announce its official combination with [Conner & Winters, LLP](#), a firm with five offices and a strong reputation throughout the Southwest, effective July 1, 2026.

The combination strengthens the firm's presence across the Southwest while expanding client access to a highly aligned group of professionals united by a shared commitment to culture, collaboration, and inclusion. With this addition, Spencer Fane now has more than 750 attorneys across 38 offices.

"Joining Spencer Fane marks an exciting new chapter for our attorneys and clients alike," said [R. Kevin Redwine](#), Conner & Winters Managing Partner. "Throughout this process, we saw firsthand the firm's commitment to collaboration, innovation, and exceptional client service. The Spencer Fane national platform, deep bench of talent, and forward-looking approach create meaningful opportunities to expand the services and resources available to our clients while providing our attorneys with new avenues for growth and professional development. We are excited to be part of the continued success of Spencer Fane and look forward to what we can accomplish together."

The attorneys joining Spencer Fane include:

- [Michael J. Albright](#)
- [Jordan L. Berkhouse](#)
- [Mark D. Berman](#)
- [Mitchell D. Blackburn](#)
- [Elise Dunitz Brennan](#)

- [Vicki Bronson](#)
- [Teresa Meinders Burkett](#)
- [Courtney Coretz](#)
- [Katherine G. Coyle](#)
- [Robert A. Curry](#)
- [John R. Elrod](#)
- [Kayla N. Finnegan](#)
- [William E. Foster](#)
- [Melodie Freeman-Burney](#)
- [Ashlyn E. Frix](#)
- [John W. Funk](#)
- [Hayden G. Gore](#)
- [P. Scott Hathaway](#)
- [McKayla L. Hendrix](#)
- [Katelynn Hickey](#)
- [John W. Ingraham](#)
- [Jed W. Isbell](#)
- [Robert D. James](#)
- [Sam R. Kiehl](#)
- [Kathryn J. Kindell](#)
- [Kerri E. Kobbeman](#)
- [Todd P. Lewis](#)
- [David J. Looby](#)
- [R. Richard Love, III](#)
- [Riley M. Martin](#)

- [Anna H. McNeil](#)
- [Robert J. Melgaard](#)
- [Lynnwood R. Moore](#)
- [Justin L. Pybas](#)
- [Russell C. Ramzel](#)
- [Luke R. Ratzlaff](#)
- [R. Kevin Redwine](#)
- [Alex K. Shell](#)

- [J. Ryan Sacra](#)
- [Eric L. Sardella](#)
- [Greg S. Scharlau](#)
- [John M. Scott](#)
- [Ashley L. Selwyn](#)
- [Douglas M. Selwyn](#)
- [Paige N. Shelton](#)
- [Sarah Siddall](#)
- [Beverly K. Smith](#)
- [Gentra Abbey Sorem](#)
- [Hayley N. Stephens](#)
- [Jason S. Taylor](#)
- [Brian G. Thomas](#)
- [Timothy T. Trump](#)
- [Andrew R. Turner](#)
- [Hilary L. Velandia](#)
- [Stephen R. Ward](#)
- [Danny C. Williams](#)
- [Christopher R. Wilson](#)
- [Martin R. Wing](#)
- [C. Russell Woody](#)
- [G. Allen Wooten](#)

“We have always believed that sustainable growth starts with finding lawyers and professionals who share our commitment to collaboration, excellence, and client-centric service,” Spencer Fane Chair [Patrick J. Whalen](#) said. “From our earliest conversations, it was clear that the Conner & Winters team embodies those same values. Their talent, culture, and dedication to client service make them a natural fit for Spencer Fane, and we are excited to welcome them to the firm.”

The firms announced the pending combination in April, highlighting the strong alignment between two organizations committed to culture, client service, and attracting and retaining exceptional legal talent. This is the firm’s third combination this year. Spencer Fane previously welcomed colleagues in [Washington, D.C.](#), and opened offices for new colleagues in [New York and Chicago](#).