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Spencer Fane Returns as Sponsor of Lavender Law Conference & Career Fair

Spencer Fane was honored to return as a sponsor for the Lavender Law Conference & Career Fair, on July 13-15 in Chicago. Firm attorneys [Jeremy Ashton](#), [Nate Barker](#), [Lydia Bayley](#), [Colin Goodman](#), [Suzanne Konrad](#), and [Zachary Palomino](#), and professionals **Erin Kapaska** and **Bernadette Lawson** represented the firm at the event.

Hosted by the National LGBTQ+ Bar Association, Lavender Law is the largest LGBTQIA+ legal conference in the nation. Its extensive programming includes specialty sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities for thousands of LGBTQIA+ and allied legal professionals from across the country.

In addition to the firm's Advocate-level sponsorship, Erin and Bernadette managed the Spencer Fane booth at the July 13 Career Fair. The Spencer Fane team met with several top-level law students and lateral candidates and discussed the firm's dynamic culture – which includes a focus on inclusivity and belongingness as well as ongoing growth, and career opportunities.

On July 15, Lydia was a panelist for the CLE, Intellectual Property and its Potential as a Sword and a Shield in the LGBTQ+ Community. This session provided a practical overview of U.S. intellectual property law through challenges affecting LGBTQ+ communities, nonprofits, creators, and small businesses. Drawing on recent cases and real-world disputes, the panel explored how patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets intersect with advocacy, creative expression, and community-based work.