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Spencer Fane Team Talks Technology Risk at Missouri Bar Annual Meeting

Spencer Fane Chief Information Officer **Allen Darrah** and attorney Eric Johnson spoke at the Missouri Bar's 2023 Annual Meeting on September 15 in Kansas City.

During their presentation, Anatomy of a Law Firm Breach, Allen walked those attending through real tactics used by attackers and the dynamics of spearfishing and ransomware attacks. He provided an extensive overview of threat stages, outlined cybercriminal strategies, and discussed defense tactics law firms can employ. Eric reviewed professional conduct rules like competence and confidentiality with regard to cybersecurity and technology.

"It's our privilege to lend our expertise in cybersecurity breach response — a critical aspect in today's digital age. We're always grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with esteemed organizations like the Missouri Bar and its members. We're fighting the same battles when it comes to the ever-evolving cyber threats," said Allen Darrah, expressing the firm's appreciation.

The session was part of the Annual Meeting's three-day educational programming at the Westin Crown Center. The event allowed attendees to learn, socialize, network, and build personal and professional relationships for the strength and benefit of the justice system.

At Spencer Fane, Allen guides the firm's overall technological vision, igniting innovation and spearheading the firm's digital transformation efforts. He also serves as Chief Information Security Officer, ensuring stringent protection of client data and privacy. Eric co-leads the Banking and Financial Services Group and leads the Bankruptcy, Restructuring, and Creditors' Rights Group. Eric represents clients in bankruptcy, nonbankruptcy insolvency proceedings such as receiverships and

foreclosure proceedings, out-of-court workouts and restructurings, and other related insolvency matters.