



Spencer Fane Welcomes California-Based Pahl & McCay

Combined platform brings full-service offerings to 23 markets across the U.S.

Spencer Fane is pleased to announce California-based **Pahl & McCay**, a full-service corporate law firm with roots in the real estate and financial services sectors of both Northern and Southern California, will join the firm effective October 1, 2023.

In keeping with its growth strategy, Spencer Fane is combining with Pahl & McCay for the ways in which the firms' practices complement each other, the entry point each provides the other to serving clients in new geographies, and the strong cultural fit that exists between the two.

"Our firms became confident in this combination as soon as we recognized that we share an uncompromising commitment to preserving a culture that approaches service to others with humility, nurtures collaboration, and is intentional about building and supporting diverse teams for the benefit of our organization and clients," Spencer Fane Chair [Patrick J. Whalen](#) said. "The result of this approach fuels another of our shared values – a fierce resolve to win – and our combined team is optimistic about the opportunities that will come with our expanded reach into new practice areas and geographies."

Spencer Fane also announced that Karen K. McCay will serve as Office Managing Partner of the 15-attorney Pahl & McCay team, which represents clients from offices in San Jose and Santa Monica.

"Our firm has enjoyed a 34-year history as part of the California business community, and it's our interest in continuing to be a valued resource to our clients

that motivates this combination,” McCay said. “Many of our clients have a nationwide footprint and others have successfully grown their business outside the state, and we are excited to be able to serve their legal needs in new geographies and expand the legal services we can offer through this combination. While we had not been looking for expansion of such magnitude, we could not pass up this opportunity when we realized the value proposition and cultural match that exists between our two firms.”

The attorneys joining Spencer Fane from Pahl & McCay include:

- Stephen D. Pahl
- Karen K. McCay
- Catherine Schlomann Robertson
- Servando R. Sandoval
- Ginger L. Sotelo
- Theresa C. Becerra
- Sarahann Shapiro
- Sonia S. Shah
- Helene A. Simvoulakis-Panos
- Eric J. Stephenson
- Stephen E. Makino
- Andrew H. VanSlyke
- Alexandra Samofalova
- Marcanne L. Hyjek
- Lisa M. Tracy

Recognized as one of the fastest-growing law firms on *The American Lawyer's* AmLaw 200, Spencer Fane will now have more than 450 attorneys serving clients across 23 offices throughout the U.S. The firm's growth has been driven by a sustained focus on attracting and retaining an exceptionally talented and diverse team of attorneys across its footprint.

Spencer Fane improved its position to #151 on the recently released AmLaw 200 ranking and achieved an even higher position as #131 on AmLaw's Diversity Scorecard, a reflection of the firm's intentional effort to build, maintain, and leverage a diverse and inclusive law firm for the benefit of the firm's culture, clients, and community.