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Spencer Fane Welcomes Largest Class of Fall Associates, Adding 17 Attorneys Aligned with Firm Values and Service

Spencer Fane LLP is excited to welcome 17 new associates across 13 offices, bringing a diverse range of professional, academic, and personal experiences to the firm's growing national platform.

The newest attorneys join practice areas including litigation and dispute resolution, real estate, public finance, corporate and business transactions, and intellectual property. Collectively, they bring perspectives shaped by judicial internships and clerkships, government and military service, scientific research, and business experience, among other impressive pursuits.

The arrival of the largest fall associate class to date reflects the firm's commitment to seek out and develop top emerging legal talent, enabling its dynamic practice groups to continue to provide first-rate counsel as the legal industry evolves.

"We are pleased to welcome this new class of associates to our firm and look forward to the contributions they'll make to our client teams, given their unique perspectives, skill sets, and shared commitment to serving clients and others," said Spencer Fane Chair Patrick J. Whalen. "Equally important, we have been impressed by how they embody the collaborative culture that sets Spencer Fane apart."

Through mentorship, professional development, and opportunities to collaborate across a growing number of practice groups and market teams, Spencer Fane provides associates with a strong foundation to build meaningful careers while developing the skills and relationships necessary to serve clients at the highest level.

ABOUT THE ATTORNEYS

Yatzaret Aguirre-Sanchez, Litigation and Dispute Resolution / Real Estate, Nashville

Yatzaret helps clients through commercial litigation and dispute resolution as well as business and real estate transactions, with experience involving mortgage, business, and real estate disputes. She also assists with transactional matters, including commercial real estate. Yatzaret earned her Juris Doctor from Belmont University College of Law, where she served as managing editor of the *Belmont Law Review* and completed a clerkship with the Honorable Lynne T. Ingram of the Eighth Circuit Court for the 20th Judicial District serving Davidson County, Tennessee.

Kaylen Aldridge, Real Estate, Denver

With an emphasis on local permitting, commercial development, and dispute resolution, Kaylen assists clients with a wide range of real estate, land use, and construction matters. She earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado Law School, where she served as a production editor for the *Colorado Law Review* and focused her scholarship on affordable housing and land use issues. She also served as a Rothgerber Teaching Fellow in property law.

Gavin Anderson, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Tulsa

Gavin helps businesses and organizations resolve disputes and navigate legal challenges involving commercial, construction, sports and entertainment, and business law. He earned his Juris Doctor with highest honors from the University of Tulsa College of Law, where he served as an editor for the *Tulsa Law Review*, received a CALI Excellence Award, and was named to the Faculty Honor Roll all six semesters.

Grant Boyden, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Santa Monica

With a focus on civil and business litigation, Grant helps clients navigate a variety of commercial disputes through thoughtful counsel and proactive risk management. He has served as a legal intern at the Federal Public Defender Office for the District of Utah and as a legal extern for the Honorable Carolyn B. McHugh of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Grant earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Utah's S.J. Quinney College of Law, where he served as editor-in-chief of the *Utah*

Law Review, and as a research assistant.

Trey Chauncey, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Las Vegas

Trey represents clients in commercial litigation matters, bringing a business-oriented perspective to evaluating risks and developing effective legal strategies. His experience includes working in the legal department of a professional football club in England, where he drafted and reviewed commercial contracts and assisted with sponsor and supplier disputes. He earned his Juris Doctor from Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School.

Madison Droubay, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Salt Lake City

Assisting clients throughout the entire litigation process, Madison places an emphasis on mitigating monetary and reputational risk. Her practice includes medical malpractice, attorney malpractice, personal injury insurance defense, and other general litigation defense matters. Madison earned her Juris Doctor from Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School.

Bailey Keffer, Corporate and Business Transactions, St. Cloud

Drawing on a multidisciplinary background spanning life sciences, entrepreneurship, and transactional law, Bailey helps clients develop practical solutions to complex business challenges. His previous work includes assisting a university technology commercialization office, leading market research teams supporting life sciences startups, and helping an emerging food brand with business development. Bailey earned both his Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration from the University of Minnesota.

MinJae Kim, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Salt Lake City

MinJae represents clients in complex litigation, commercial disputes, and regulatory matters, drawing on his extensive law enforcement, investigative, and military experience. A former full-time law enforcement officer in California and Utah, he conducted complex criminal and civil investigations and maintains his Utah POST certification as a reserve officer. He also continues to serve as a paralegal with the Utah Army National Guard's 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne). MinJae earned his Juris Doctor from Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School.

Charles Mulholland, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Houston

Focusing his practice on commercial litigation, intellectual property disputes, and creditor-side matters, Charles helps clients develop practical strategies to protect their business and legal interests. He earned his Juris Doctor *magna cum laude* from the South Texas College of Law, where he was a member of the *South Texas Law Review* and earned five CALI Awards.

Aspen Olson, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Tulsa

Aspen represents businesses and organizations in commercial disputes and assists clients through all stages of litigation, from evaluating claims and developing strategy through discovery, motion practice, and resolution. She earned her Juris Doctor with honors from the University of Oklahoma College of Law, where she also earned multiple Am Jur awards, served as 1L Moot Court Director on the Board of Advocates, and competed on the Wagoner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Team.

Lucy Ruscitto, Intellectual Property, Austin

Working across the full intellectual property spectrum, Lucy helps innovators, creators, and growing businesses protect and build on what they've created so they can compete with confidence. Her work spans patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets, in addition to experience supporting clients in patent arbitration. Lucy previously gained commercial litigation experience as a law clerk and served as a research assistant to a noted IP and AI law scholar at Wake Forest Law, where she earned her Juris Doctor and notably assisted with editing the second edition of *Acing Intellectual Property*.

Joe Scholten, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Kansas City

Joe helps businesses through every stage of litigation, including motion practice, discovery, judgment collections, and appeals. Before joining the firm, he interned with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Missouri and the Honorable Jill Morris of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri. Joe earned his Juris Doctor *summa cum laude* from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, where he served as lead comment editor of the *UMKC Law Review* and

competed on a national championship mock trial team.

Josh Sherfy, Corporate and Business Transactions, Wichita

Josh advises governmental entities, municipalities, nonprofits, and other public sector clients on public finance matters, with a focus on bond issuances and municipal law. He assists clients throughout financing transactions while also advising on governance, compliance, public projects, and related contracts, with an emphasis on advancing infrastructure and economic development initiatives. Josh earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Kansas School of Law.

Rachel Straub, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Kansas City

With an emphasis on clear, responsive communication, Rachel helps individuals and businesses navigate legal disputes by evaluating their objectives, assessing the strengths and risks of their matters, and developing efficient strategies through negotiation, motion practice, or trial. Rachel earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Kansas School of Law.

Anna Syptak-Welch, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Plano

Anna helps businesses and individuals efficiently resolve disputes and protect their interests. She assists clients from pre-suit investigations and pleadings through discovery, dispositive motions, and hearings, emphasizing clear communication and practical, cost-conscious strategies. Anna earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, where she received the Order of Barristers for excellence in courtroom advocacy.

Simon Trebon, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Phoenix

Simon helps businesses and individuals navigate all aspects of civil litigation. He earned his Juris Doctor *cum laude* from Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, where he received three CALI Awards and distinguished himself in oral advocacy, including earning recognition in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. He is also a member of the Order of Barristers.

Elyssa Warner, Intellectual Property, St. Louis

Bolstered by a diverse research background, Elyssa focuses on intellectual property matters for life sciences clients, combining training in science, law, and policy to help companies, research institutions, and innovators protect their intellectual assets. She holds a Ph.D. in biomedical science and completed postdoctoral research at the National Institutes of Health, giving her firsthand understanding of the sophisticated technologies underlying clients' innovations. Elyssa earned her Juris Doctor from Saint Louis University School of Law as valedictorian of her class.