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Spencer Fane Welcomes New Colleagues in California

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

Spencer Fane LLP is pleased to announce its official combination with Pahl & McCay, a full-service, 15-lawyer corporate, business, and litigation firm with offices in both Northern and Southern California, effective Oct. 1, 2023.

The combination is designed to provide both firms' clients with deeper access to talented professionals who are not only aligned in their approach to serving as a resource to businesses across new geographies and practice areas, but also in their commitment to culture, collaboration, and diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Spencer Fane simultaneous enters into San Jose (Silicon Valley) and Santa Monica (Los Angeles) and it extends the firm's geographic reach to 23 offices across a national footprint. Recognized as one of the fastest growing law firms in the AmLaw 200, the firm's measured growth brings its attorney count to 450 firm wide.

"Since our firm was founded 34 years ago by Stephen Pahl, it has been a proud member of the California business community, and it's our interest in continuing to be a valued resource to our clients that motivates this combination," said Karen K. McCay, who will serve as Office Managing Partner in California. "In fact, our primary motivation in combining with Spencer Fane is to provide our clients with access to a deeper bench of talent and a nationwide platform to serve their legal needs in new geographies and service areas. As for our choice to join Spencer Fane, we could not pass up the opportunity to combine with the firm when we realized our shared commitment to client service and how our firms mirror one another culturally."

The attorneys joining Spencer Fane include:

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

The firms announced the pending move in early September, identifying the mutual benefits for two firms dedicated to culture and service with a commitment to attracting and retaining top legal talent.

“Our combination with Pahl & McCay is the realization of another rare opportunity to join with new colleagues who not only complement our service model but also align with our core values,” Spencer Fane Chair Patrick J. Whalen said. “We are also excited in that our clients will benefit immediately from a platform that extends our reach into new geographies and practices with professionals who share our commitment to unlocking and adding value in all we do.”