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## **Suzanne Odom to Discuss Debt Discharge Limitations Under *Bartenwerfer v. Buckley* at 2024 ABA LLC Institute**

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Stetson Law School, 1700 North Tampa Street, Tampa, FL 33602

Spencer Fane attorney [Suzanne Odom](#) will present at the American Bar Association (ABA) Business Law Section's 2024 LLC Institute on November 8 in Tampa, Florida.

Hosted by the ABA LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Entities Committee and Stetson Law School, this November 6-8 event will provide legal professionals nationwide with top-tier Continuing Legal Education (CLE), networking, and dining opportunities. Suzanne will join three other legal thought leaders for the CLE session, *The Ever-Expanding Consequences of Bartenwerfer v. Buckley*.

This session will focus on the February 2023 U.S. Supreme Court decision that held that an innocent general partner who had imputed liability on a partnership debt for money obtained by fraudulent acts of another partner was not entitled to a discharge in the innocent partner's Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Code proceeding. The panel will discuss the opinion and the implications addressed in a concurring opinion that may expand the reach of *Bartenwerfer* to such relationships as tenancies in common, an innocent spouse in a Community Property state, and even a director who gets tagged with liability on a corporate debt resulting from fraudulent acts of a co-director.

At Spencer Fane, Suzanne assists clients with commercial and real estate transactions and business formations, from initial document drafting to litigation when necessary. With a focus on strategic, timely solutions for both routine and sophisticated matters, she applies detailed knowledge at each stage of the process

to achieve resolutions that meet specific client objectives.