



SpencerFane®

History

Spencer Fane traces its roots to 1879, when William Tell Johnson and John Lucas moved their legal practice from Osceola to Kansas City. The modern-day era for the firm began in 1952 when Johnson, Lucas, Graves & Fane merged with Spencer Britt & Browne to form the present day Spencer Fane Britt & Browne. Under the guidance of Byron Spencer, Irvin Fane, James Britt, and Harry Browne, the firm took a turn toward becoming one of the region's best law firms.

The firm has had a full service business orientation, representing management exclusively, since its founding. The firm evolved into the current day Spencer Fane through a strategy of measured growth and limited mergers. The addition of the office in Overland Park, Kansas was a natural outgrowth from our Kansas City, Missouri headquarters and the St. Louis office was established in 2001. The Omaha, Nebraska office was added in November 2004, extending our presence into Nebraska and the Dakotas, and the Jefferson City, Missouri office was added in May 2009. The firm combined with Grimshaw & Harring in Denver in August 2012 and the Colorado Springs, Colorado and Springfield, Missouri offices were added in June 2014. The Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Cape Girardeau, Missouri offices were added in 2016. Spencer Fane combined with Berenbaum Weinshienk in December 2016 to expand its presence in Colorado Springs and Denver, Colorado, and opened offices in Phoenix, Arizona and Las Vegas, Nevada in 2017. In 2018, Spencer Fane expanded in the Texas market with offices in Dallas and Plano.

While the firm has grown over the years, the original intention of the founding partners remains the same – to provide high quality, expert legal services with integrity and with the client's individual needs in mind.