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Overview

During Pat's tenure as Chair and Managing Partner, Spencer Fane has been recognized as:

- The "fastest growing firm in the AmLaw 200." *The American Lawyer, ABA Journal.*
- The highest rated U.S. law firm in the *U.S. News & World Report* Best Companies to Work For.
- The highest concentration of recognized lawyers*, Best Lawyers in America.*
- "Redefining what it means to be a law firm in the 21st century." *KC Business Journal.*
- "A case study on how a law firm can add market share, climb the rankings and grow profits, all at the same time." *The American Lawyer.*
- "A revolutionary organizational structure challenging the traditional 150-year old law firm model." *Missouri Lawyers Media.*

Among other distinctions, Pat has been recognized by clients and colleagues as:

- One of the 100 Most Influential Lawyers in the Country, *American Cities Business Journals.*
- One of two commended individuals in *Financial Times* Innovative Lawyers North America in the Business of Law.
- A leader who has "reimagined the law firm model." *Missouri Lawyers Media.*
- One of the best in the country in delivering outstanding client service to General Counsel of the world's largest companies, including recognition as one of the top 30 IP lawyers in the country, *BTI Consulting / Law360.*
- The only three-time Law Firm Leader of the Year, *Missouri Lawyers Weekly.*
- One of the Nation's CyberSecurity & Data Privacy Trailblazers, *National Law Journal.*
- Among the best in the world in Internet & E-commerce Law, *Business Research, Ltd.*
- Managing Partner of the Year Finalist, *The American Lawyer.*
- The top choice for IP Litigation, *Kansas City Business Magazine*.
- One of the Nation's Law Firm Leadership Trailblazers, *National Law Journal.*
- One of the 250 Most Influential Business Leaders in the Region, *Ingram's Business Magazine.*

Education

- The University of Texas School of Law (J.D.)
- The University of Texas Graduate School of Business (San Antonio) (M.B.A.)
- University of Kansas (B.A., Economics)
- Harvard Business School (C.M.E.)

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- Kansas
- Missouri
- Texas

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Community Involvement

- Civic Council of Greater Kansas City, Board of Directors
- Kansas City Area Development Council, Board of Directors
- Heartland Civic Collaborative Committee
- St. Louis Regional Chamber

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America,* 2020-2027
  - Lawyer of the Year, Litigation – Intellectual Property, 2027
- *Ingram's* 250: The Most Powerful Business Leaders in Greater Kansas City, 2016-2025
  - Top 40 Business Leaders Under 40, Kansas City
- *Kansas City Business Journal,* Best of the Bar
- *Missouri Lawyers Media*, Missouri Lawyers Award, 2025
- *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*, Intellectual Property Litigation, 2008-2024

Memberships

- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Managing Partner Institute, Advisory Committee
- Legal Project Management, Advisory Board
- American Bar Association, Committee on Productivity & Knowledge Strategy
- American Bar Association, Committee on Legal Project Management
- American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Intellectual Property Committee, Former Chair

Presentations and Publications

- *Advising Small Business*, Thomson / West, 2025
- *Intellectual Property Deskbook for the Business Lawyer*, American Bar Association, 2019
- *Global Business Law*, 2008
- *Domestic and International Litigation Strategies*, Aspatore, 2007
- Keynote Speech, Gartner Compliance, Governance, and Risk Management Summit, Chicago
- "Cloud Computing," American Bar Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco
- "Reps and Warranties in Cross-Border IP Transactions," American Bar Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago
- "Advanced Licensing Agreements," Practicing Law Institute, Chicago
- "Monetizing Intellectual Property," American Bar Association, Annual Meeting, New York City
- "Copyright Disputes in Outsourcing Transactions," American Bar Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco
- "Addressing Patent Infringement Risks in Your Transaction," American Bar Association, Business Law Section Meetings, Chair, Washington, D.C.
- "Financial Institutions and Intellectual Property Risks," Missouri Banker's Association
- "CyberCrime in Electronic Commerce," Miami, Florida
- "Emerging Internet Legal Developments," Kansas City, Missouri
- "E-Commerce Strategies in the Automotive Parts Industry," Clemson University Annual Conference, Hilton Head, South Carolina
- "CyberSabotage," Florida Marcus Evans, Miami
- "Protecting Intellectual Property," The Missouri Bar Annual Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri
- "Discovery of Electronic Evidence," Deloitte & Touche, St. Louis, Missouri; Overland Park, Kansas
- "Internet Law," National Business Institute
- "Electronic Discovery in Corporation Litigation," The Missouri Bar Annual Convention
- "Trade Secrets: Litigation and Transactions," Los Angeles, Law Seminars International
- "Outsourcing and The Protection of Your Company's Intellectual Property," American Bar Association, Chairman and Speaker, Chicago
- "Sarbanes-Oxley and Intellectual Property," American Bar Association, Business Law Section Annual Meeting, Chair, Tampa, Florida
- "Preventing Corporate Espionage," National Association of Purchase Managers