



Spencer Fane Adds Experienced Partner to Bankruptcy Practice in Dallas

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Spencer Fane LLP is pleased to announce [Eric M. Van Horn](#) has joined the firm as a partner in its Bankruptcy Practice.

Van Horn assists clients nationwide with all aspects of bankruptcy, reorganizations, negotiations, collection actions, multijurisdictional insolvencies, and corporate liquidations. His work in complex Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases has involved representing committees of unsecured creditors and investors, debtors, trustees, secured lenders, landlords, and general unsecured creditors (including critical vendors and suppliers). He also defends clients against bankruptcy preference and fraudulent transfer (clawback) lawsuits, and assists clients in bidding on and acquiring assets out of bankruptcy cases. His specific industry experience includes clients in oil and gas, manufacturing, health care, restaurant, manufacturing, retail and technology industries.

Outside of his practice, Van Horn is active in the Commercial Law League of America, and has previously served on the State Bar of Texas' Bankruptcy Law Section Council.

"Eric brings a well-established and hard-earned reputation as one of the leading bankruptcy attorneys in and outside of the State of Texas," said Jason Cross, Spencer Fane Office Managing Partner in Dallas. "He has a proven track record of high-level success for clients in important and complex financial matters. His commitment to client service is an excellent match with the Spencer Fane culture, and we are excited and fortunate to have him join our growing team in Dallas."

Van Horn is a frequent speaker and published author on numerous bankruptcy issues. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law. During law school, he worked as a research assistant to Professor Jay L. Westbrook, one of the world's leading experts on Chapter 11 and international bankruptcy law. Following law school, Van Horn gained valuable experience serving as a federal judicial law clerk for the Honorable Leif M. Clark — a now-retired United States bankruptcy judge for the Western District of Texas.

Recently, Van Horn also assisted in developing and serving as an instructor for the "Financial Crisis & Restructuring Law" course at The University of Texas at Austin's McCombs School of Business and School of Law.

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