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# Spencer Fane Announces Combination with Houston-based Firm Zimmerman, Axelrad, Stern & Wise

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Spencer Fane is pleased to announce that 19 attorneys from Zimmerman, Axelrad, Stern & Wise, P.C. are joining the firm effective August 1, 2019.

The combination will bolster a longstanding commitment by both firms to make a full range of legal services available to local and national clients in the markets where they do business. Those services are supplemented with a client experience that is grounded in a belief that legal counsel should not only resolve legal issues, but also advance business objectives.

"We are thrilled to be joined by the attorneys from Zimmerman, a firm with a terrific reputation for integrity and commitment to client service," said Pat Whalen, Managing Partner for Spencer Fane. "This combination is driven by a similarity in our cultures and our shared focus on collaborative and responsive legal services centered on a client's business interests. We look forward to our clients benefiting from the new services and geographic coverage offered by this combination, and Spencer Fane is grateful to become part of the Houston business community."

Founded in 1984, Zimmerman, Axelrad, Stern & Wise, P.C. has established a reputation as prominent legal counsel in Houston and across Texas, providing individualized attention across a diverse client base spanning multiple industries. Current practice area offerings include Alternative Dispute Resolution: Mediator, Arbitrator and Special Judge; Banking; Civil, Commercial, and Appellate Litigation; Corporate and Securities; Construction; Employment; Estate Planning, Trusts and Estates; Family Law; Insurance; Internal Investigation Services for Educational Institutions; Real Estate; Tax; and Trademarks.

Attorneys joining Spencer Fane from Zimmerman include:

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“Over the past three decades, Zimmerman developed deep client relationships and trust in the Texas legal community and joining Spencer Fane will be a beneficial move for us and the clients we serve,” said Hon. Alvin Zimmerman. “We are drawn to the firm’s outstanding reputation and focus on client service. The Spencer Fane value proposition of clients’ business leaders working with the firm’s leaders is one we share, making this an ideal cultural fit.”

The combination with Zimmerman introduces Spencer Fane to the Houston business community. Prior to this combination, Spencer Fane opened offices in Tampa and Minneapolis this past January, and in Dallas and Plano in 2018.