



Spencer Fane Expands Financial Services Practice in St. Louis

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Spencer Fane is pleased to announce the addition of Eric Peterson to the firm's St. Louis office. Peterson will serve as counsel in the Financial Services practice group where he will apply his nearly two decades of commercial bankruptcy and litigation experience in representing financial institutions including banks and finance companies, as well as entrepreneurs, business executives and investors in complex business disputes.

"We are very excited to welcome Eric to the team for the ways in which his practice and approach will complement our own," Managing Partner Frank Neuner said. "Eric's deep understanding of the financial services industry, as well as his dedication to serving clients, will be a tremendous asset in expanding our practice as well as our offerings to new and existing clients."

Peterson's practice focuses on bankruptcy law and litigation, debtor/creditor rights and remedies, reorganizations, restructuring and workouts, asset protection, and acquisition and sales of financially distressed companies. Peterson's experience also includes counselling clients on liability and mitigating risk. He has represented several of the country's most prominent organizations including Fortune 500 companies.

Peterson's professional achievements have garnered him a broad array of accolades and recognition throughout his career including being repeatedly recognized as a "Super Lawyer" and "Rising Star" by *Los Angeles Magazine* and being named among *The Best Lawyers in America* for two consecutive years. He was also featured in a cover story of *Los Angeles Lawyer* magazine for his director and officer defense work.

Outside of the office, Peterson is a thought leader in the industry. He is the chair of the Missouri Bar committee that drafted proposed new commercial receivership legislation in Missouri, which has become a model used by the bars of other states. He has given numerous presentations and published articles on various legal topics. He is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, the Turnaround Management Association, and is a board member for Jewish Family & Children's Services, a nonprofit organization.

Peterson is licensed to practice in Missouri, California, Washington, D.C. and Maryland. He earned his law degree from Boston University School of Law and his bachelor's degree from California Lutheran University. He is an MBA candidate at the Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis.

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