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OVERVIEW

Spencer advocates for clients in complex commercial litigation matters in a variety of legal contexts.

A litigator at heart, Spencer regularly handles cases that range from complicated antitrust claims to general business disputes including breach of contract, associated business torts, product liability claims, land use claims, and bid-protest adjacent litigation.

However, he is particularly drawn towards constitutional issues and has accordingly litigated (and defended against) claims involving freedom of speech, due process protections, federal preemption of state legislation, and the dormant Commerce Clause. Spencer is especially passionate about his appellate practice and is well-versed in the federal appeals process in many of the federal circuit courts in the country, and he has authored multiple cert petitions and related amicus briefs to the United States Supreme Court.

Prior to joining the firm, Spencer clerked for the Eastern District of Kentucky and the District of Guam, as well as for the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Those experiences provided him valuable insight on judicial processes and taught him what it takes to persuade a judge to rule in a client's favor, at both the trial and appellate levels. He thrives on sophisticated, intricate litigation requiring multifaceted strategies and is best known for his skill at developing creative arguments for difficult cases.

In addition to his commercial and constitutional litigation practice, Spencer provides pro bono legal services to Texas families involved in the adoption process. He has become particularly knowledgeable

Industry

Financial Services & Capital Markets

Services

Antitrust Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

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about Texas adoption law and values the opportunity to help kids find forever homes.

Recognition

- International Municipal Lawyers Association, IMLA Amicus Service Award, 2024-2026

Education

- J.D., University of Idaho College of Law
 - *summa cum laude*
 - *Idaho Law Review*, Chief Symposium Editor
- B.S., Brigham Young University
 - Economics

Admissions

- Idaho
- Missouri
- Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Idaho
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

Clerkships

- Honorable William O. Bertelsman, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
- Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, U.S. District Court for the District of Guam
- Honorable Danielle J. Forrest, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

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*Contact Spencer to set up an in-person consultation by appointment in the Dallas office.



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