

Florida Newsmakers: Spencer Fane Financial Services Team Gains Tampa Partner

The firm has welcomed Katie Shepard to the firm's Tampa, Florida, office as a partner in the banking and financial services practice group.

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Katie Shepard of Spencer Fane. Courtesy photo

Spencer Fane has welcomed **Katie Shepard** to the firm's Tampa, Florida, office as a **partner** in the banking and financial services practice group.

Shepard represents financial institutions, mortgage lenders and servicers, FinTech companies, and other consumer financial services providers in complex litigation and class actions in state and federal courts. Her practice focuses on claims arising under key consumer protection statutes, including the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Truth in Lending Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, and Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

In addition, Shepard defends mortgage lenders, servicers, and financial services companies against borrower claims alleging wrongful foreclosure, unfair or deceptive business practices, violations of state consumer protection laws, and debt collection-related disputes. She also handles complex commercial litigation for financial clients involving processing transactions and the enforcement and defense of secured and unsecured debt agreements.

“Katie’s blend of knowledge and experience in the consumer financial services and emerging tech spaces will be highly valuable amid increasing opportunities in FinTech and related industry intersections,” said **Kirby McDonough, office managing partner for Spencer Fane in Tampa**. “We look forward to welcoming her to our talented team here in Tampa, where our exceptional service capabilities continue to grow in established and niche sectors.”

After completing her bachelor’s degree at the University of Virginia, Shepard earned her Juris Doctor cum laude from the University of Kentucky College of Law. She then clerked for the Honorable Chief Judge Joseph H. McKinley Jr., in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky.

Shepard is licensed to practice in Florida, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

Chad Davis Joins RumbergerKirk as Director of Business Development and Marketing



Chad Davis director of business development and marketing with RumbergerKirk. Courtesy photo

RumbergerKirk has welcomed **Chad Davis** as director of business development and marketing, where he will lead the firm's business development, marketing, communications, and client growth initiatives across its five offices.

Davis brings extensive experience in business development, marketing strategy, communications, and organizational growth. In his new role, he will work closely with firm leadership and attorneys to strengthen client relationships, identify new business opportunities, enhance the firm's market presence, and develop strategies that support attorneys and practice groups across the firm.

"Chad brings a strategic and collaborative approach to business development and marketing that aligns well with where we are headed as a firm," said **Frank Sheppard, RumbergerKirk managing partner**. "His experience and perspective will help us continue to strengthen our relationships with clients, support our attorneys, and identify new opportunities for growth."

Davis holds graduate degrees in business and international management and studied at Thunderbird School of Global Management. He is based in the firm's Orlando office.

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