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Lateral Partners and Counsel

Akerman offers established partners a full-service, national platform of more than 700 lawyers and consultants operating from 25 offices coast to coast. With a breadth of practices and an entrepreneurial culture, our platform embraces and supports our lateral partners and counsel, quickly integrating practitioners into our existing relationships, while offering the full scope of resources and support to capitalize on new opportunities.

With sophisticated technology, business development, and administrative support infrastructure, we create custom approaches to efficiently and quickly integrate newly arrived lawyers so you can focus on building and expanding your practice on our state-of-the-art platform.

We welcome partners and counsel who share Akerman's deep commitment to superior client service, practicing at the top of our profession, and working within a collegial and collaborative environment.

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The Akerman Lateral Experience

In Their Own Words

Our colleagues, who took the next step in developing their careers by moving to Akerman, outline some key reasons their searches led them to our firm.



“Since joining Akerman, I have personally witnessed what a special firm this is – one that allowed me to grow my practice beyond what I thought was possible, one that has given me the chance to build teams and train the next generations of lawyers, and one that delivers outstanding legal services by bringing out the very best in one another.”

Amy Doehring

Partner, Litigation, Chicago

The key to a successful onboarding of talent is a thoughtful, comprehensive, and strategic plan marshalling all firm resources to support new laterals. The Akerman Lateral Experience is a comprehensive approach to lateral integration that incorporates industry best practices – a collaborative framework, client development training and coaching, and extensive benchmarking – to optimize onboarding and integration. The program is designed to ensure strategic alignment by helping new partners:

- Effectively transition your practice
- Identify and build meaningful relationships
- Introduce new clients to the firm
- Develop pathways to long-term personal and financial success



“I joined Akerman because it strikes the right balance of big firm capabilities and small firm flexibility. The firm supports my focus on client service through teamwork, innovation, community involvement, and entrepreneurship.”

Grasford Smith

Partner, Litigation, West Palm Beach

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“Akerman’s national reputation initially attracted me to the firm. I found lawyer excellence, across the board, and a collaborative culture that immediately validated my decision.”

Eduardo Espinosa

Partner, Bankruptcy and Reorganization, Dallas

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