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Akerman Expands Tax Practice Group with Partner Lorie Fale in Miami

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Top 100 U.S. law firm Akerman LLP is pleased to announce that it has expanded its Tax Practice Group with partner <u>Lorie Fale</u> in Miami. Fale provides state and local tax counsel related to corporate transactions, reorganizations, financings, in addition to tax planning, refund claims and tax controversy.

"I am confident that Lorie's extensive experience in both state and local tax law, tax planning and corporate transactions will make her an invaluable asset to our ever-expanding Tax group," said <u>Peter</u> <u>Larsen</u>, Chair of the Tax Practice Group. "Her thorough understanding of Florida tax law will further enhance our current client offerings."

Fale has more than 24 years of experience as a Florida state tax controversy specialist, dealing with all aspects of Florida audits, refunds, and assessment management. Prior to practicing law, Fale worked as a Certified Public Accountant where she gained invaluable accounting experience which enables her to fully understand the impact of state tax opportunities and exposures on a client's budgets, forecasts, reserves and financial statements.

Fale's comprehensive multistate taxation practice includes nexus issues, income apportionment/allocation, sales and use tax, transfer

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tax, payroll tax, and tax reporting requirements. In addition, she has 25 years' experience with creating and implementing tax-efficient corporate structures.

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Akerman's Tax Practice Group advises domestic and foreign corporations, partnerships, individuals and nonprofit institutions on a wide range of international, federal and state and local tax issues, tax audits and tax litigation. The group represents clients in complex transactions and creates tax efficient structures and innovative solutions. Akerman also provides tax planning services associated with in-bound and out-bound investments in Latin America and the Caribbean, and serves as counsel to foreign companies and individual investors looking to do business in the United States.