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Akerman Partner Eric Rapkin Featured in *Law360* Article Discussing Key Real Estate Questions, Two Years into the Pandemic

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Real Estate Practice Group Chair [Eric Rapkin](#) was featured in a *Law360* article discussing key real estate questions given the current state of the world. Two years since the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic, real estate investors are closely eyeing various questions, including how an office hybrid work model may work and where the retail sector is heading. One challenge, experts say, is striking a balance between offering employees the flexibility to work from home while continuing to maintain an in-person office culture.

“Where it will land, nobody really knows. I also hope and just know in my bones that 100% remote cannot be where this lands,” said Rapkin. “How do you identify the next group of leaders if you never grab lunch, have coffee? That’s how you get to know people. That can’t happen if it’s solely on Zoom.”

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