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Four Akerman Partners Featured Among the *Daily Business Review's* 2022 Florida Legal Awards Honorees

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Top 100 U.S. law firm Akerman LLP is pleased to announce that Litigation Practice Group Deputy Chair [Katherine Giddings](#), Litigation partners [Kimberly Lopez Narbona](#) and [Donnie King](#), and Bankruptcy & Reorganization partner [Jules Cohen](#) have been featured among the *Daily Business Review's* 2022 Florida Legal Awards honorees.

Giddings is listed under the “Best Mentors” category, Narbona is listed under the “Diversity and Inclusion: Individual” category, King is listed under the “On the Rise” category, and Cohen is listed under the “Lifetime Achievement” category. The Florida Legal Awards recognizes professional excellence in their legal work across Florida. The 2022 Florida Legal Awards will be held on May 19 at the Rusty Pelican in Miami.

A formidable appellate litigator, Giddings has represented clients in numerous high-stakes civil and administrative appeals and bar ethics and professional liability issues in state and federal courts nationwide. She has twice been named “Lawyer of the Year” for Appellate Practice by *Best Lawyers in America* and is ranked one of the “Top 250 Women in Litigation in the United States” by *Benchmark Litigation*. *Chambers USA* notes that she “is regarded as an outstanding attorney with many years of experience,” and “is extremely personable and a down-to-earth individual.”

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A commercial and business litigator, Narbona appears on behalf of clients in courts across the state of Florida and in U.S. district courts across the nation. She prosecutes and defends claims for trademark infringement, deceptive business practices, fraud, antitrust, tort, and contract claims. Serving a diverse client base, Narbona represents banks, lenders, asset management organizations, and other segments of the financial services industry. She has prosecuted claims and collected assets on multimillion dollar defaulted debts. Kimberly also defends claims arising under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

King is a trial lawyer with experience successfully handling complex and general commercial litigation. He has represented corporate entities and individuals in state and federal courts at the trial level throughout the United States. His experience includes high stakes business disputes, business torts, private equity litigation, antitrust, products liability, and personal injury.

Described in *Chambers USA* as “an outstanding bankruptcy lawyer,” Cohen represents banks and other lenders as secured creditors in bankruptcy proceedings in all types of businesses. He has represented clients in notable bankruptcy proceedings, including, the billion dollar Chapter 11 case of Braniff Airlines, serving as the court appointed examiner of the Sheraton Twin Towers case, and representing a lender group with a \$114 million secured claim in the Gencor Industries case.

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