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Akerman Names New Office Managing Partners in Chicago and Tallahassee

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Top 100 U.S. law firm Akerman LLP today announced litigation partner <u>Amy Doehring</u> as the new Office Managing Partner for Chicago and real estate partner <u>Bruce Wiener</u> as the new Office Managing Partner for Tallahassee. The appointments underscore Akerman's commitment to empowering new leaders.

"Amy and Bruce are outstanding leaders who have shown great dedication to the firm, our clients and their businesses," said Akerman Chairman and CEO <u>Scott Meyers</u>. "They will help us continue the momentum we have in Chicago and Tallahassee by bridging important market connections and advancing our strategic goals."

As office managing partners, Doehring and Wiener will continue serving clients through their practices while also strengthening Akerman's relationships with civic and business leaders in the Chicago and Tallahassee markets and guiding the firm's strategic direction locally.

Doehring represents clients in a wide variety of complex litigation matters in federal and state courts across the country as well as in arbitration. Her legal practice focuses on the defense of clients in several industries such as healthcare, food and beverage, engineering, manufacturing, and trusts and estates.

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Chicago Tallahassee Doehring has achieved notable victories for clients including:

- Reinstated years of property tax exemptions for an Illinois not for profit hospital following a month-long trial and two interlocutory appeals.
- Achieved a complete dismissal of all claims without payment of any settlement consideration in eight actions claiming damages following flooding after Hurricane Harvey.
- Secured a complete defense verdict on behalf of chemicals and fibers producer against a breach of contract and fraud allegations seeking approximately \$4 billion in damages.
- Represented various suppliers of alcohol beverages, including spirits, wine and beer, in disputes regarding distributor terminations at the trial and appellate court levels.
- Represented an insurance company in defense of multiple actions, including a putative nationwide class action, as part of the multi-district litigation, In re Insurance Brokerage Antitrust Litigation, achieving a favorable resolution to more than seven years of litigation.

Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* in the field of commercial litigation for eight-consecutive years, she has also been named one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers by *Crain's Chicago Business*.

Wiener is a veteran real estate lawyer Board Certified by The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education in Real Estate Law. He focuses his practice on transactional real estate law, commercial lending, and land use. Wiener's significant work includes:

 Provided contract and closing services and title insurance for numerous timberland transactions totaling over 160,000 acres and approximately \$219 million in purchase price.

- Served as local counsel, closing agent, and title agent for a multifamily developer in the acquisition of property and the construction loan for a multifamily project worth approximately \$40 million upon completion.
- Provided comprehensive representation as local Florida counsel to the developers of a student housing project in Tallahassee. Closed the entire parcel assemblage, the construction loan, and, upon completion, the permanent refinancing transaction. Also assisted the client in closing each parcel of land and worked with the applicable lenders, surveyors, and title underwriters to complete all project transactions from start to finish.
- Represented a commercial real estate
 development company in numerous transactions
 involving build-to-suit commercial projects. The
 transactions involved the acquisition of land,
 including resolving title issues associated with
 the acquisition, working with lenders, providing
 title insurance, and handling the subsequent sale
 to purchasers of the developed project.

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