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Akerman Expands Real Estate Practice Group with Partner Andrew Felts in Winston-Salem

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Top 100 U.S. law firm Akerman LLP is pleased to announce that it has expanded its Real Estate Practice Group with partner <u>Andrew "Drew" Felts</u> in Winston-Salem. Felts focuses his practice on commercial real estate and renewable energy transactions.

"We are thrilled to welcome Drew as our first Real Estate lawyer in the Winston-Salem office; he will further strengthen our national presence and enhance the services we provide to our clients in that market," said Real Estate Practice Group Chair Eric Rapkin. "Drew's extensive experience in transactional real estate, as well as his focus on renewable energy, will add more depth and breadth to our continuously expanding team."

Felts focuses his practice on commercial real estate transactions. He has extensive experience representing buyers, sellers, developers, investors, landlords, tenants, and lenders in all facets of complex commercial real estate deals and financing throughout the Southeast and other parts of the country.

Felts also has substantial experience working with renewable energy developers to negotiate and draft site control agreements and handle due diligence review for utility-scale solar energy projects across the country. Felts frequently speaks at conferences on the topics of renewable energy landowner, debt and tax equity party relations, and implementing strategic solutions to accomplish complex closings.

Felts is licensed in North Carolina, South Carolina, and West Virginia. He regularly serves as local counsel on both commercial real estate and renewable energy transactions.

About Akerman

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Akerman's Real Estate Practice Group offers comprehensive and fully integrated project counsel services to clients across the United States and Latin America. With substantial industry experience and local market insights, the firm represents clients in complex real estate transactions and financings, development and redevelopment projects, public-private initiatives and litigation. Recognized as a national tier one law firm for real estate law by *U.S. News - Best Lawyers*, the group advises investors, developers, builders, lenders, retailers, owners and corporate end users, often in high profile matters.