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Akerman Expands Real Estate Strength with Partner Nailah Tatum in Tallahassee

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Top 100 U.S. law firm Akerman LLP today announced the expansion of its Real Estate Practice Group with partner Nailah Tatum in Tallahassee. She brings experience handling complex commercial real estate transactions.

"Nailah has a reputation for providing exceptional service to clients on highly complex matters," said Eric Rapkin, chair of Akerman's Real Estate Practice Group. "For the past several years, she has been involved in a diverse range of real estate acquisitions, sales, financings, and leasing issues. She has the experience and insight to advise the firm's growing number of investor and developer clients in the future."

Tatum brings valuable experience representing developers, landlords, tenants, lenders, investors, educational institutions such as charter schools, universities and colleges, and governmental entities in connection with the acquisition, development, financing, leasing, and disposition of real estate.

Tatum joins at a time when the Real Estate Practice Group is experiencing significant growth. Last week, the firm announced the launch of its Data Center and Digital Infrastructure practice, led by chair James Grice and partner Michael McKinley. The national data centers team, including long-standing Akerman lawyers, is experienced in the many facets –

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technological, operational, and legal – of financing, planning, building, and operating data centers; the real estate-related issues, including permitting, environmental, leasing, co-location, and licensing agreements; and the regulatory, tax, and power purchase and power procurement strategies and agreements of this unique asset class.

About Akerman

Akerman LLP is a top 100 U.S. law firm recognized among the most forward-thinking firms in the industry by Financial Times. Its more than 700 lawyers and business professionals collaborate with the world's most successful enterprises and entrepreneurs to navigate change, seize opportunities, and help drive innovation and growth.

Akerman is home to one of the largest legal real estate teams in the United States with nearly 150 lawyers and development professionals serving owners, developers, and investors throughout all 50 states. Its longstanding record of success on behalf of its clients has been acknowledged by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*, *Chambers USA, The Legal 500,* and *Law360*, among others. The group is known for its "business acumen and prompt attention to matters" (*The Legal 500*) and its "deep bench of attorneys experienced in guiding clients through all aspects of real estate law." (*Chambers USA*).