

Press Release

PitchBook Ranks Akerman Among Most Active M&A Law Firms in the United States

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Firm Earns Top Rankings in Private Equity Dealmaking

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, has been recognized by *PitchBook* as among the most active law firms in M&A and private equity in the United States, based on the number of deals completed in the second quarter of 2017. Akerman also earned top rankings for its experience in private equity buyout deals.

The categories in which Akerman was ranked are included below.

- Ranked No. 13 among M&A Law Firms – Most Active in U.S.
- Ranked No. 20 in Private Equity Deal Type – Most Active in Buyouts

PitchBook's quarterly Global League Tables provide the industry a comprehensive and independent ranking of private equity and venture capital activity at the global, national and regional levels, and across sectors, including financial services, energy, healthcare and IT.

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The Akerman Corporate Practice Group advises public and private companies, including private equity funds, on M&A, capital markets transactions, financings, and other transactional matters, with a strong focus on the middle market. Akerman is top-ranked nationally for mergers, acquisitions and buyouts: middle market by *The Legal 500* and is recognized as a leading U.S. law firm by *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* for corporate, M&A, private equity, securities/capital markets, securities regulation and banking and finance law.