

Press Release

Five Akerman Partners Named to *Benchmark Litigation's* 40 & Under Hot List

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Top 100 U.S. law firm Akerman LLP today announced that litigators Aleksas Barauskas, John Dicks, Christian George, Donnie King, and Julia Lissner have been recognized among *Benchmark Litigation's* 40 & Under Hot List. The accolade highlights the achievements of the nation's most accomplished partners who are 40 years old or younger.

Barauskas, of Akerman's Jacksonville office, represents business and individual clients in all phases of litigation in state and federal court, including pre-suit case evaluation, motion practice, appeals, and post-judgment collection activity, in disputes involving contracts, negotiable instruments, intellectual property, and tort actions.

Dicks, based in Tampa, focuses his practice on litigation, land use, and bankruptcy. As a litigator, he has experience in business litigation, contract disputes, fraudulent transfer, D&O litigation, real estate litigation, landlord/tenant disputes, judgment collection, employment, and banking disputes. He also has significant appellate experience.

George, who serves as Jacksonville Office Managing Partner, focuses his practice on both commercial and bankruptcy litigation. He protects the interests of businesses and individuals in disputes relating to

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contracts, negotiable instruments, and tort actions. George routinely represents financial institutions and other lenders, shareholders, members and partners in professional corporations, LLCs and partnerships, as well as all types of businesses, individuals, and families.

King, based in the Ft. Lauderdale office, is a trial lawyer who successfully handles complex and general commercial litigation. He has represented corporate entities and individuals in state and federal courts throughout the United States. His experience includes high-stakes business disputes, business torts, private equity litigation, antitrust, products liability, and personal injury.

Lissner, based in Chicago, represents companies and individuals in a wide range of business disputes in state and federal courts nationwide. She has extensive experience in preparing cases for bench trials, jury trials, arbitrations, and mediations; handling appeals; and conducting internal investigations.

The lawyers were selected based upon an extensive peer review and case examination process among thousands of leading practitioners in the United States.

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Akerman's Litigation Practice Group has vast experience in a wide range of civil and criminal litigation, including class action defense, securities and corporate litigation, banking, white collar crime and government investigations, insurance, and real

estate. The Litigation team is recognized nationally by *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* in several categories including Commercial Litigation, Appellate, and Real Estate Litigation.