

Press Release

# Akerman Expands Los Angeles Office with Corporate Partner Peter Hurm

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Top 100 U.S. law firm Akerman LLP today announced the growth of its Los Angeles office with corporate partner Peter Hurm. He expands the national footprint of the firm's Corporate Practice Group while adding important depth in mergers and acquisitions for publicly traded and privately held companies.

“Peter is an excellent dealmaker and a much-desired addition to our national team,” said Jonathan Awner, co-chair of Akerman's Corporate Practice Group. “Los Angeles is a vital market for many of our clients and is home to many industries that will benefit from Akerman's leading experience in corporate and M&A transactions. Peter's arrival expands our ability to serve clients in the region while also facilitating deals nationally.”

Hurm focuses his practice in the areas of corporate finance, M&A, regulatory matters, and general corporate representation across such industries as technology, entertainment, consumer goods, automotive, and manufacturing.

He serves as outside corporate development and general counsel to private companies, advising them on their ongoing business operations, as well as structuring and negotiating corporate transactions for every phase of a company's life cycle. In the M&A arena, Hurm advises on both strategic corporate and

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private equity transactions. He also has experience with tax planning and structuring matters for choice of entity, executive compensation, LLCs/partnerships, and general business operations.

In addition to corporate representation, he also advises on individual business matters for corporate executives, entrepreneurs, and entertainment celebrities. He began his professional career in the corporate tax transactions department of former international “Big Five” accounting and business consulting firm Arthur Andersen LLP.

Hurm joins the Corporate Practice Group during a time of growth. The team also welcomed this year partners Cristina Gonzalez in New York, Bryan Reese in Atlanta, Will Walker in Winston-Salem, and of counsel Phillip Slinkard in Austin, as well as 10 associates across the United States.

Akerman’s Los Angeles office has grown to more than 40 lawyers and business professionals with experience in consumer financial services, commercial litigation, labor and employment, commercial litigation, real estate, as well as government affairs and public policy. They are backed by more than 700 lawyers in 24 key business centers, including the firm’s largest office in New York, as well as Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Washington, D.C., and Winston Salem.

## **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.

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.