

Press Release

Akerman Healthcare Lawyers Named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2023 Guide

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Top 100 U.S. law firm Akerman LLP is pleased to announce that 10 of the lawyers in the firm's Healthcare Practice Group are among the record 276 Akerman lawyers named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2023 list. A partner from the firm's Government Affairs and Policy Practice Group, who frequently collaborates with the Healthcare Practice Group, also was honored for her work relating to FDA law.

The annual *Best Lawyers* list is based on peer review surveys in which more than 100,000 leading lawyers cast nearly 13 million votes on the legal abilities of their peers in their practice areas.

The Akerman Healthcare team, led by practice chair Robert Slavkin, himself recognized by *Best Lawyers* for FDA work, crafts practical legal strategies designed to achieve their clients' unique business objectives. The team has deep industry knowledge gained from service as in-house counsel and senior executives at national health systems, biopharmaceutical companies, and state healthcare agencies, and includes Florida-based lawyers Board Certified in Health Law. Many team members have also served as instructors of public health and health administration at leading university graduate programs.

The attorneys are highly regarded for their experience in complex corporate transactions in the middle market—including mergers, acquisitions, and joint ventures—on behalf of private equity funds and portfolio companies, life sciences and medical device manufacturers, hospitals and health systems, senior living and skilled nursing facilities, physician groups and ambulatory care centers, and other stakeholders. The team is particularly adept at guiding multistate transactions efficiently through federal and state regulatory issues.

Akerman Healthcare lawyers also serve as counsel to four of the five largest health insurance/managed care organizations in the United States, and represent healthcare payor and provider clients in Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial compliance issues, federal and state licensing, and other matters. The group's reimbursement team routinely handles Medicare and Medicaid audits and overpayments, having obtained multimillion dollar reductions on behalf of clients. Members of the team also guide leading hospitals, health systems, and pharmacy groups through risk management, regulatory compliance, and complex litigation.

The individual lawyers listed, some in multiple or corollary practice areas, are:

- Jeremy Burnette, Healthcare Practice Group, Atlanta: Health Care Law
- Kirk S. Davis, Healthcare Practice Group, Tampa: Health Care Law, Litigation - Health Care, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Martin R. Dix, Healthcare Practice Group, Tallahassee: FDA Law, Health Care Law
- Steven Grigas, Healthcare Practice Group, Tallahassee: Health Care Law, Litigation – Health Care, Administrative/Regulatory Law
- Elizabeth F. Hodge, Healthcare Practice Group, West Palm Beach: Health Care Law

- Bruce D. Platt, Healthcare Practice Group, Tallahassee: Health Care Law, Insurance Law
- Thomas A. Range, Healthcare Practice Group, Tallahassee: Health Care Law
- Robert E. Slavkin, Healthcare Practice Group, Orlando: FDA Law
- William J. Spratt, Jr., Healthcare Practice Group, Miami: Health Care Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Sidney S. Welch, Healthcare Practice Group, Atlanta: Health Care Law
- Felicia Leborgne Nowels, Government Affairs and Public Policy Practice Group, Tallahassee: FDA Law

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