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Akerman Forms Healthcare Litigation Team

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Akerman is thrilled to announce the formation of its first ever Healthcare Litigation Team, headed by partners Noam Fischman and Ayman Rizkalla. Experienced healthcare litigators, the two will leverage their deep-rooted knowledge of commercial, regulatory, fraud and abuse, and white collar issues endemic to the healthcare field to further strengthen the firm’s capabilities in the healthcare space.

An extension of both the Healthcare and Litigation Practice Groups, and based in Washington, D.C. but spanning Akerman’s nationwide platform, this team will marry the procedural excellence of Akerman’s award-winning litigation practice with its deep, substantive, and also award-winning healthcare practice. The new team hopes to shift the landscape for Akerman’s place in the healthcare litigation space.

“We have represented healthcare clients in litigation for decades, so we can say with authority that the recent major changes in law and continued increase in scrutiny have created an atmosphere of uncertainty for the healthcare industry unlike ever before,” said Fischman.

“2022 has taught us that innovation benefits our clients. The Akerman Healthcare Litigation Team will offer a broader, more holistic approach that is

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poised to address our clients' healthcare-specific risks and challenges in a more nuanced and immediate way," said Rizkalla.

Operating at the intersection of healthcare law and courtroom strategy, Akerman's Healthcare Litigation Team provides industry clients a powerful platform to protect their rights and businesses. Clients can expect the Akerman Healthcare Litigation Team to address, among other areas:

- Government fraud and abuse (e.g., False Claims Act, Stark, Anti-kickback, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and others)
- Fiduciary duty risks and litigation
- Pharmaceutical marketing and pricing
- Risk-related deal due diligence
- Licensure and peer review
- Employment disputes
- Real estate
- Bankruptcy matters

More information about the Healthcare Litigation Team can be found at

<https://www.akerman.com/en/work/services/practices/healthcare/healthcare-litigation.html>

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