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Akerman Cannabis Practice Named *Law360* Practice Group of the Year

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Akerman is proud to share *Law360* has selected our Cannabis Practice as one its 2023 “Practice Groups of the Year.” The award honors the lawyer teams responsible for some of the most significant litigation wins and deals of the past year.

“Akerman was one of the first Big Law firms to establish a cannabis practice and offer the industry wrap-around service. Because of that, we have had the honor of working with some of the biggest names in the industry, amazing startups, and distinguished policymakers,” said Jonathan Robbins, Cannabis Practice Chair. “The work itself has been incredibly rewarding but to be recognized by *Law360* for it as well is very special.”

Akerman’s approximately 40-lawyer Cannabis Practice serves businesses across the country involved in the legal cultivation, processing, and distribution of cannabis, as well as those providing ancillary services. Areas of focus include finance, banking, regulatory compliance, branding and IP, federal taxation, corporate transactions, and dispute resolution.

Among the team’s many accomplishments during the award period, Akerman served as lead counsel and lead regulatory counsel to Safe Harbor Financial – a leading financial services provider to the cannabis industry – in its \$30 million acquisition of

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fintech company Rockview Digital Solutions, Inc. The firm also served as lead counsel to Needham Bank – the leading financial institution in Massachusetts for marijuana banking – in connection with three separate commercial loans totaling over \$100 million dollars to three multi-state cannabis operators.

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