

Press Release

U.S. News - Best Lawyers Once Again Ranks Akerman Among “Best Law Firms”

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Firm Receives Record Number of Tier 1 National Rankings with Corporate, Litigation, and Real Estate Practice Groups Recognized

Akerman LLP, a leading law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* has recognized the firm among the 2014 “Best Law Firms” in the United States. For the second consecutive year, the publication ranked 30 of the firm’s practice areas nationally, recognizing the work of Akerman’s Corporate, M&A, Financial Services, Real Estate, and Litigation teams among others. The firm increased its National Tier 1 rankings to eight practice areas including, Corporate Law, International Trade and Finance Law, Real Estate Law, Construction Law, and four areas of Litigation: Banking & Finance, Bankruptcy, Construction, and Real Estate. In addition, Akerman received a record 72 Tier 1 Metropolitan Area rankings in local markets across the nation.

The Best Law Firm rankings follow the recently released list of *The Best Lawyers in America*. The firm achieved record results with 134 Akerman lawyers in 56 practice areas from 15 of its offices named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2014 list.

The *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* rankings are the result of client and lawyer feedback derived from 4.3 million evaluations from across the United States. A

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International Litigation and Arbitration
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Labor and Employment
Land Use and Development
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Patent Prosecution and Portfolio Management
Public Finance

full listing of the Akerman practices included in the 2014 U.S. News - Best Lawyers national and metropolitan rankings is found below:

Real Estate
Real Estate Litigation
Tax
Trusts and Estates
White Collar Crime and
Government
Investigations

National Tier 1 Rankings:

Construction Law
Corporate Law
International Trade and Finance Law
Litigation - Banking & Finance
Litigation - Bankruptcy
Litigation - Construction
Litigation - Real Estate
Real Estate Law

National Tier 2 Rankings:

Commercial Litigation
Employment Law - Management
Health Care Law
International Arbitration - Commercial
Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
Litigation - Labor & Employment
Mergers & Acquisitions Law
Private Funds/Hedge Funds Law
Securities/Capital Markets Law
Securities Regulation
Tax Law
Trusts & Estates Law
Venture Capital Law

National Tier 3 Rankings:

Antitrust Law
Appellate Practice
Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency
and Reorganization Law
Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
Franchise Law
Insurance Law
Labor Law - Management
Litigation - Antitrust
Litigation - Intellectual Property

Metropolitan Tier 1 Rankings:

Colorado: Biotechnology Law, Patent Law

Fort Myers: Trusts & Estates Law

Jacksonville: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation, Health Care Law, Litigation - Banking & Finance, Litigation - Land Use & Zoning, Litigation - Real Estate, Litigation - Tax, Securitization and Structured Finance Law

Madison: Construction Law

Miami: Appellate Law, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Criminal Defense: Non-White-Collar, Criminal Defense: White-Collar, Employment Law - Management, Health Care Law, Insurance Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Litigation - Antitrust, Litigation - Bankruptcy, Litigation - Labor & Employment, Litigation - Land Use & Zoning, Litigation - Real Estate, Litigation - Trusts & Estates, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Private Funds/Hedge Funds Law, Real Estate Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation, Tax Law, Trusts & Estates Law, Venture Capital Law

New York: International Trade and Finance Law

Orlando: Appellate Practice, Banking and Finance Law, Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Environmental Law, Land Use & Zoning Law, Litigation - Banking & Finance, Litigation - Bankruptcy, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Land Use & Zoning, Litigation - Real Estate, Real Estate Law, Tax Law, Trusts & Estates Law

Tallahassee: Appellate Practice, Health Care Law, Insurance Law

Tampa: Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation, Corporate Law, Employment Law - Management, Health Care Law, Litigation - Banking & Finance, Litigation - Construction, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Labor & Employment, Securities Regulation, Trusts & Estates Law

Washington, D.C.: Construction Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy, Litigation - Construction

West Palm Beach: Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Real Estate Law

Metropolitan Tier 2 Rankings:

Jacksonville: Corporate Law, Litigation - Trusts & Estates, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, Public Finance Law, Tax Law

Miami: Antitrust Law, Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Family Law, International Arbitration - Commercial, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Banking & Finance, Litigation - Tax

New York: Real Estate Law

Orlando: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Financial Services Regulation Law, Litigation - Construction, Litigation - Trusts & Estates

Tallahassee: Environmental Law, Litigation - Environmental

Tampa: Banking and Finance Law, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Bankruptcy, Litigation - Real Estate, Non-Profit/Charities Law, Real Estate Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, Tax Law

Washington D.C.: Mediation

West Palm Beach: Litigation - Real Estate

Metropolitan Tier 3 Rankings:

Fort Myers: Commercial Litigation

Miami: Construction Law, Litigation - Securities, Transportation

New York: Corporate Law, Land Use & Zoning Law

Tampa: Litigation - Trusts & Estates, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants

Washington, D.C.: Arbitration, Franchise Law

About Akerman LLP

Akerman LLP is a leading transactions and trial law firm known for its core strengths in middle market M&A, within the financial services and real estate industries, and for a diverse Latin America practice. With more than 550 lawyers and government affairs professionals and a network of 19 offices, it is ranked among the top 100 law firms in the United States by *The National Law Journal* NLJ 350 (2013). Akerman also is ranked among the top 100 law firms for diversity by *MultiCultural Law* magazine (2012) and recognized as the Law Firm of the Year for Diversity – South by *Benchmark Litigation* (2012). More information can be found at akerman.com or twitter.com/akerman_law.