

## Press Release

# Akerman Awarded ‘Law Firm of the Year’ Honors by *U.S. News - Best Lawyers*

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Firm Once Again Top Ranked Nationally in Corporate, Real Estate and Financial Litigation Practice Areas

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* has once again recognized the firm among the “Best Law Firms” in the United States. The publication awarded Akerman with a record 32 national practice rankings including Tier 1 rankings in corporate, real estate, construction and international trade law; and in four areas of commercial and financial litigation. The firm also was nationally distinguished for the second year as the “Law Firm of the Year” in Litigation - Real Estate. Only one law firm is selected as the 2014 Law Firm of the Year per practice area.

Akerman received 77 Tier 1 rankings in total, including numerous Tier 1 Metropolitan Area rankings that recognize the firm’s strength in key business centers throughout the nation, including Miami, New York and Washington, D.C., among others.

The *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* rankings are based on overall firm performance, client feedback and peer recognition derived from 4.3 million evaluations from across the United States. The rankings follow the recently released 2015 *The Best Lawyers in America* list, which recognizes the top 4 percent of practicing lawyers in the nation. The firm achieved record results with 142 Akerman lawyers named to the 2015 list in 61 areas of law across the United States.

A list of the Akerman practices ranked nationally by *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* include:

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### Related Work

Antitrust and Trade Regulation  
Appellate  
Bankruptcy and Reorganization  
Capital Markets  
Construction  
Construction Litigation and Dispute Resolution  
Corporate  
Corporate Finance and Lending  
Corporate Governance  
Emerging Growth Companies  
Eminent Domain and Property Rights  
Employment Litigation  
Environment and Natural Resources  
Environmental Litigation  
Financial Institutions  
Commercial Litigation  
Franchise and Licensing  
Government Affairs and Public Policy  
Healthcare  
Insurance Litigation  
Intellectual Property  
Intellectual Property Litigation  
International  
International Litigation and Arbitration  
International Trade and Customs

**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:**

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

Labor and Employment  
Land Use and Development  
Litigation  
M&A and Private Equity  
Patent Prosecution and Portfolio Management  
Public Finance  
Real Estate  
Real Estate Litigation  
Secured Financing  
Litigation  
Securities Litigation  
State and Local Tax  
Litigation and Controversy  
Tax  
Tax-Exempt Organizations  
Trusts and Estates  
White Collar Crime and Government Investigations

For a list of Akerman practices ranked by metropolitan area, please [click here](#).

**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 600 lawyers and government affairs professionals and a network of 20 offices, it is ranked among the top 100 law firms in the United States by *The National Law Journal* NLJ 350 (2014). Akerman also is ranked among the top 50 law firms for diversity in *The American Lawyer's* Diversity Scorecard (2014).

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