

Press Release

Akerman Top Ranked in Middle Market M&A by *The Legal 500*

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Firm Again Ranks Among the Best in the United States for M&A, Real Estate, Land Use, Construction and Immigration Law

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that *The Legal 500* has ranked the firm as a first tier law firm for mergers and acquisitions in the M&A: Middle Market (Sub-\$500 Million) category. Akerman is one of only 11 firms in the United States to share this distinction.

Akerman lawyers in the Corporate and M&A Practices also were singled out as the best in their field by *The Legal 500*: Mary Carroll, chair of the Corporate Practice Group; [Martin Burkett](#) and [Carl Roston](#), co-chairs of the Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity Practice; and partners [Jonathan Awner](#), [Teddy Klinghoffer](#), and [Stephen Roddenberry](#). Roston, along with Scott Bettridge, an immigration partner in Akerman's Labor & Employment Practice Group, received the highest honors by *The Legal 500* as "Leading Lawyers," an elite list recognizing outstanding lawyers nationwide.

In addition to the M&A ranking, Akerman was recognized for the fourth consecutive year in three categories within Real Estate and Construction:

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Construction, Land Use/Zoning, and Real Estate, as well as in Labor and Employment – Immigration.

In total, 24 Akerman lawyers were recommended in their practice areas based on client and peer recognitions. The lawyers and the categories in which they are honored are listed below.

Labor and Employment – Immigration

- Michael M. Benchetrit
- Scott E. Bettridge
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M&A: Middle Market (Sub-\$500 Million)

- Jonathan L. Awner
- Martin G. Burkett
- Mary V. Carroll
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Real Estate and Construction – Construction

- Jeffrey G. Gilmore

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- Michael Bailkin
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Real Estate and Construction – Real Estate

- Israel Alfonso
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More details on the survey's methodology, along with Akerman's rankings, are available on *The Legal*

500 website.

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 American Lawyer* (2015) and *The National Law Journal NLJ* 350 (2015).