

Press Release

Florida Trend Recognizes Akerman Lawyers Among Legal Elite

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Firm Once Again Leads with Most Women Honorees Distinguished as Legal Elite

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that *Florida Trend* has named 26 of the firm's lawyers to its 2016 Legal Elite list.

The publication's ranking made Akerman one of the top firms in the state for total lawyers listed, and the firm with the most women honorees. Akerman's Legal Elite honorees include lawyers from offices across Florida, including Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Tallahassee, Tampa, and West Palm Beach.

Partners Karen Buesing and Katherine Eastmoore Giddings were once again recognized among a distinguished group of practitioners in the publication's Hall of Fame. *Florida Trend* also identified four Akerman lawyers under the age of 40 who were named Up & Comers for their record of excellence in the legal community and represent the future of law.

The 2016 Florida Legal Elite list recognizes the state's top lawyers as selected by their peers through a voting process in 28 practice areas. The publication recognizes less than two percent of the more than

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The Akerman lawyers honored in 2016 are:

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Jeffrey M. Gad, Wills, Trusts & Estates
Christian P. George, Commercial Litigation – Up & Comer
Katherine Eastmoore Giddings, Appellate Practice
Michael I. Goldberg, Bankruptcy & Workout
James F. Goldsmith, Business Law – Up & Comer
Russell B. Hale, Tax
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diversity in *The American Lawyer's* Diversity Scorecard (2016).