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Media Quotes Katherine Giddings on Appeals Ruling Benefiting Florida Workforce

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Akerman achieved a victory on behalf of the Florida Chamber of Commerce and the Florida Justice Reform Institute as amici curiae in a high-profile case that challenged Florida’s workers’ compensation law. On June 24, the Third District Court of Appeal reversed a decision by the Miami-Dade County Circuit, which declared last year the existing workers’ compensation system unconstitutional, without a fair adversary proceeding and effectively eviscerated the law in the absence of any case or controversy.

Akerman partners Katherine Giddings, [Kristen Fiore](#) and [Gerald Cope](#), co-chair of the firm’s Appellate Practice, served as co-counsel with William Large, president of the Florida Justice Reform Institute.

Giddings explained to the *Daily Business Review*, *Insurance Journal* and *Law360* how this appellate decision is a significant win for both the business community and the public, as it brings certainty to the legal framework for workers’ compensation in Florida.

“The decision is a great victory for all Florida employers and employees,” Giddings told the publications. “As the Third District noted, the law immunizes from lawsuits both employers and their employees for covered, work-related injuries —

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while ensuring that employees have benefits when they are injured on the job.“

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