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Akerman Once Again Top Ranked in the United States in Middle Market M&A by *The Legal 500*

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Firm Lawyers Named Among Best in 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 it is once again ranked by *The Legal 500* 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 eight firms in the United States to maintain this distinction.

Akerman's M&A lawyers were singled out as among the best in their field by the Guide, including Martin Burkett and Carl Roston, co-chairs of the firm's Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity Practice. Burkett and Roston lead a team of lawyers who represent strategic buyers and sellers in middle market transactions across the United States and Latin America. Other recognized M&A lawyers include: Partners Jonathan Awner, Lorenzo Borgogni, Mary Carroll, Mason Drake, Teddy Klinghoffer, Mark Y. Liu, Paul Quinn, and Stephen Roddenberry. Roston also was once again honored among *The Legal 500's* elite list of "Leading Lawyers."

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In total, 25 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.

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More details on the Guide's methodology, along with Akerman's rankings, are available on *The Legal 500* website.

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