

Press Release

Akerman's Dale Noll Installed as President of National LGBT Bar Association

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced trusts and estates lawyer Dale Noll has been installed as president of the National LGBT Bar Association, the country's largest organization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allied legal professionals.

During the 2017-2018 term, Noll will preside over the 29th annual Lavender Law Conference and Career Fair, the legal sector's leading event for lawyers, law students, law firms and government agencies to exchange insights about important issues for the LGBT community. Last year's Lavender Law conference had more than 1,300 attendees. As president, Noll also will work with the board of directors to advance the National LGBT Bar Association's mission to promote advocacy and equal access to justice for the diverse LGBT community.

"It has been my privilege since I was a law student to work with the LGBT Bar Association and I am honored that my fellow board members have entrusted me to serve as president," said Noll. "I feel fortunate to take part in such a vital organization that is positively impacting our profession, and I look forward to advancing new, meaningful opportunities for a growing base of members. Now more than ever, we need to work together as a community to keep the momentum on LGBT rights moving forward, while providing an environment of protection and

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opportunities for our colleagues and our clients.”

Noll has devoted his legal career to advancing the LGBT community. He began his efforts while attending the University of Miami Law School, where he served as co-president of the LGBT student advocacy group OUTlaw. He graduated magna cum laude in 2012 and joined the National LGBT Bar Association as a member of its finance committee for two years. He was later appointed to the board of directors as treasurer and most recently served as president-elect of the organization. Noll also is a former co-chair of the Miami Dade County Gay and Lesbian Lawyers Association and a previous gala committee member of the Broward County Gay and Lesbian Lawyers Network. He regularly speaks on marriage equality and estate planning issues for alternative families and same sex couples.

At Akerman, Noll represents trustees, personal representatives and beneficiaries in a wide variety of fiduciary issues and assists them in their roles as fiduciaries in administering estates and trusts. A particular focus of his practice is the representation of fiduciaries, beneficiaries and other interested parties in high-conflict, complex and high-profile guardianship, trust and probate matters.

Akerman is recognized as one of the nation’s most diverse and inclusive law firms. Advocacy for equal opportunity within the legal profession, as well as within the community at large, is a significant part of the firm’s history. Akerman received its third, perfect 100 percent rating in the 2017 Corporate Equality Index (CEI), the national benchmarking survey administered by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation for workplace inclusion and equality, earning recognition as a “Best Place to Work for LGBT Equality.”

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