

Press Release

Akerman Senterfitt Advances on *The American Lawyer's* Diversity Scorecard

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Akerman Senterfitt today announced that it is once again ranked among the top 100 law firms for diversity in the United States by *The American Lawyer*. The firm increased its ranking on The American Lawyer's 2013 Diversity Scorecard by 31 spots to No. 50; a distinction that reflects the firm's ongoing diversity hiring and promotion practices.

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"We are honored to once again be recognized as among the top 100 law firms in the United States for diversity," said Andrew Smulian, chairman and CEO of Akerman Senterfitt. "Akerman supports a diverse group of men and women in their development as lawyers. We have built a collaborative environment, with our professionals serving as effective allies with each other and with our clients."

The Diversity Scorecard ranking is the latest recognition of the firm's efforts to recruit and retain a diverse team of lawyers. Akerman was named Law Firm of the Year for Diversity – South by *Benchmark Litigation* in 2012. In addition, *MultiCultural Law* magazine ranked the firm 3rd among the top 25 law firms for Hispanic-Americans and 35th among the top 50 law firms for partners in 2012.

The Diversity Scorecard is an annual ranking of the nation's 250 largest and highest-grossing law firms. The diversity score for each firm was calculated by adding the minority percentage of U.S. attorneys at

the firms surveyed to the minority percentage of U.S. partners at those firms.

About Akerman Senterfitt

Akerman 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 550 lawyers and government affairs professionals and a network of 19 offices, it is ranked among the top 100 law firms in the United States by *The National Law Journal* NLJ 350 (2013). More information can be found at akerman.com or twitter.com/akerman_law.