

Press Release

New York Real Estate Litigator Michael T. Carr Joins Akerman

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Akerman is proud to announce Michael T. Carr has joined the firm's Litigation Practice Group as partner in the New York office. Carr focuses his practice on real estate litigation with an emphasis on landlord/tenant lease litigation. His clients include some of New York City's largest landlords, developers, and managers.

“Michael is an outstanding, creative litigator and regulatory advisor,” said Larry Rochefort, chair of Akerman's Litigation Practice Group. “He has a strong background in operational and compliance matters, including significant experience with Local Law 97, a law with the potential to change the landscape of how real estate owner, operators, and lenders will approach the space in New York for years to come.

Carr is routinely retained to assist landlords and commercial tenants with issues and disputes arising from tenancies and use of leased premises and has represented some of the most prominent landlords in New York City. During COVID he was integral in assisting his clients restructure lease debt through aggressive litigation which lead to favorable terms on workouts for his clients. Carr additionally assists clients with real estate leasing and operational needs, not only advising his clients on how to litigate through challenging situations but also on how to avoid litigation and regulatory penalties all together.

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Carr has successfully tried jury and non-jury cases, litigating cases in Federal District Court and in New York State trial and appellate courts. He has also represented clients before various New York City administrative agencies, including the Office of Administrative Trial and Hearings and the Environmental Control Board. Carr also has in the past year successfully relocated both commercial and residential tenants in order to allow his client to perform necessary construction on a real estate wherein the scope of work required the asset to be completely vacant. Additionally, he has successfully advised a client on the liquidation of its' nationwide real estate portfolio. Currently, Carr is assisting a start-up company that is ready to enter the real estate space with a potentially market-disrupting product.

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