

Press Release

# Akerman Once Again Recognized Among Top Law Firms by *Chambers USA*

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Firm Recognized in Record Number of Practice Areas, Awarded Top Honors in Corporate, Real Estate and Insurance Law

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, was once again recognized by leading legal guide Chambers & Partners as one of the nation's most prominent law firms in middle market mergers and acquisitions, and for complex work within the financial services and real estate sectors. The 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* Guide recognized the firm in a record 17 practice areas. The publication also honored 53 Akerman lawyers representing 21 practice areas.

Akerman lawyers achieved rankings in several nationwide categories, including Financial Services Regulation: Consumer Finance, Leisure & Hospitality, and Litigation: E-Discovery. They also garnered rankings in Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, New York, Texas, and Virginia. For another consecutive year, the firm's Corporate/M&A & Private Equity, Real Estate and Insurance Practices received top honors in Florida — a distinction held by the firm's Corporate Practice Group for more than a decade.

In addition to its recognition as a leading U.S. law firm, Akerman maintained distinction in *Chambers'*

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## Related People

Gerald B. Cope, Jr.  
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## Related Work

Appellate  
Bankruptcy and Reorganization  
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Consumer Financial Services, Data and

latest Latin America and Global editions. Akerman lawyers ranked as leaders in International Trade and International Arbitration (Latin America-wide). Both guides also once again recognized Akerman's Cuba Practice among the best for General Business Law (Expertise Abroad) – Cuba.

Along with its Global and Latin America editions, the *Chambers USA* Guide is part of a series of Chambers & Partners research-based publications for the legal profession. The annual rankings identify leading law firms and lawyers in an extensive range of practice areas throughout each region.

The list of 53 Akerman lawyers recognized by *Chambers USA* includes:

### **Antitrust**

Lawrence D. Silverman (Florida)

### **Banking & Finance: Transactional**

William C. Arnholds (Florida)

### **Bankruptcy/Restructuring**

Jacob A. Brown (Florida)

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Brian K. Gart (Florida)

Michael I. Goldberg (Florida)

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John B. Macdonald (Florida)

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David W. Parham (Texas)

### **Construction**

Stacy Bercun Bohm (Florida)

Jeffrey G. Gilmore (Virginia)

Stephen B. Hurlbut (Virginia)

### **Corporate/M&A & Private Equity**

Jonathan L. Awner (Florida)

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E. Paul Quinn (Illinois)

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Carl D. Roston (Florida)

Technology (CFS+)  
Corporate  
Corporate Finance and Lending  
eDiscovery Services  
Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation  
Environment and Natural Resources  
Healthcare  
Immigration Planning and Compliance  
Insurance Litigation  
Labor and Employment  
Land Use and Development  
Litigation  
M&A and Private Equity  
Real Estate  
State and Local Tax  
Litigation and Controversy  
Tax

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## **Environment**

Silvia M. Alderman (Florida)

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Jason S. Lichtstein (Florida)

Robyn D. Neely (Florida)

## **Financial Services Regulation: Consumer Finance (Litigation)**

William P. Heller (National)

## **Healthcare**

Kirk S. Davis (Florida)

Jane K. McCahill (Illinois)

William J. Spratt (Florida)

## **Insurance**

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Scott T. Silverman (Florida)

## **Leisure & Hospitality**

Andrew S. Robins (National)

## **Litigation: Appellate**

Gerald B. Cope Jr. (Florida)

Katherine Eastmoore Giddings (Florida)

## **Litigation: E-Discovery**

Martin T. Tully (National)

## **Litigation: General Commercial**

Brian S. Fraser (New York)

Joseph E. ('Ed') Foster (Florida)

William P. Heller (Florida)

## **Real Estate**

Richard Bezold (Florida)

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Eric D. Rapkin (Florida)

Janice L. Russell (Florida)

Andrew M. Smulian (Florida)

Brian Tague (Florida)

**Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use**

Cecelia Bonifay (Florida)

T. Spencer Crowley (Florida)

Neisen O. Kasdin (Florida)

**Tax**

David C. Blum (Illinois)

Donald K. Duffy (Florida)

Russell B. Hale (Florida)

Henry H. Raattama (Florida)

**Tax: Controversy**

David C. Blum (Illinois)

**Tax: Employee Benefits**

Richard T. Hurt (Florida)

Peter E. Salomon (Florida)

**Tax: State and Local**

Russell B. Hale (Florida)

Peter O. Larsen (Florida)

**About Akerman LLP**

Akerman LLP 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 650 lawyers and government affairs professionals and a network of 24 offices, it is ranked among the top 100 law firms in the United States by *The American Lawyer* (2017). Akerman also is ranked among the top 60 law firms for diversity in *The American Lawyer's* Diversity Scorecard (2016).