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Akerman Expands National Footprint with New Charlotte Office Lease

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Akerman proudly announces the signing of a lease for its new office in Charlotte, North Carolina, further expanding Akerman's national platform. This move marks the firm's 26th U.S. location, following the opening of its Wilmington, Delaware, office in July.

Strategically located in the heart of Charlotte's Central Business District at 101 S. Tryon Street, the office spans 7,462 square feet and offers capacity for future expansion. This thoughtfully designed space underscores Akerman's commitment to scaling alongside the growing demand for legal services in this thriving market.

The Charlotte office is anchored by two seasoned partners: Joshua "Josh" DeBottis, a project finance lawyer with deep expertise in renewable energy financing and tax credits, and John McCaffrey, who specializes in investment tax structures. Together, they bolster Akerman's national capabilities in high-demand sectors such as renewable energy, data centers and digital infrastructure, electric vehicle networks, and telecommunications.

"This milestone represents a significant chapter in Akerman's growth journey," said Josh, who serves as Charlotte Office Managing Partner. "Our new office provides a strong platform to deliver Akerman's comprehensive legal services to Charlotte's dynamic business community while seamlessly supporting

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our national clients. The lease reinforces our commitment to this market and positions us for future growth.”

The expansion into Charlotte reflects Akerman’s broader strategy of investing in high-growth markets where clients are driving innovation in renewable energy, infrastructure, and digital technology.

“Charlotte represents a critical market for Akerman as we continue to align our footprint with the evolving needs of our clients,” said Scott Meyers, Akerman Chairman and CEO. “This office is more than a physical presence — it’s a signal of our dedication to partnering with businesses driving transformation in their industries. With the leadership of Josh and John, both deeply rooted in Charlotte’s legal and business communities, we are well-positioned to deliver exceptional service locally while advancing our clients’ interests nationally.”

Akerman’s entry into Charlotte underscores the firm’s forward-looking approach, aligning its presence with growing client demand and cementing its role as a trusted partner in key industries shaping the future.

About Akerman

Founded in 1920, Akerman is recognized as one of the country’s premier law firms, with more than 700 lawyers in 26 offices throughout the United States.