

Press Release

Akerman Grows Atlanta Office With Former DOJ Tax Trial Lawyer Erin Hines

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Akerman today announced the arrival of Tax Partner Erin Hines to the Atlanta office. She joins from Chamberlain Hrdlicka with significant experience in all facets of federal tax controversy. Before joining private practice, Erin was a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice’s Tax Division and IRS Office of Chief Counsel.

“We are thrilled to continue growing our national tax practice with the addition of Erin,” said Tax Practice Group Co-Chair David Blum. “Her deep experience in federal tax controversy and trial advocacy will be a tremendous asset to our clients navigating high-stakes tax disputes. Erin’s proven track record and strategic approach further underscore our firm’s commitment to providing top-tier legal counsel.”

Erin focuses her practice on IRS examinations, appeals, and litigation. She is proficient with regard to IRS procedures, resolution mechanisms, and litigation strategy, making her an effective advocate for her clients. Erin has experience representing clients in a broad variety of federal tax planning and controversy matters, including specialized areas such as FBAR, Employee Retention Credit (ERC) related claims, attorney fee deferral programs, treaty benefits (including Malta pension plans), syndicated conservation easements, self-employment (SECA) taxes, and disclosure of tax reporting positions.

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Erin spent more than a decade representing the United States in contested tax matters, including almost seven years as a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice's Tax Division, where she worked on an array of federal tax matters, including refund suits, FBAR penalty suits, and nationwide civil injunction and penalty suits involving tax shelters. She has litigated federal tax issues in U.S. Tax Court, numerous U.S. District Courts, and a handful of U.S. Bankruptcy Courts. Erin has worked in a variety of capacities for the IRS Office of Chief Counsel, including as an attorney in the Small Business/Self-Employed Division, a special trial attorney in the Large Business and International Division, an attorney detailed to the Passthroughs and Special Industries Associate Office, and an attorney in the Corporate Associate Office at the IRS National Office.

Erin follows a string of laterals joining the Tax Practice Group in the last year, including partners Jennifer Duval Lindy and Farid Khosravi in Atlanta and Heather Preston in Los Angeles.

Akerman's Atlanta office, led by Office Managing Partner Jason Lichtstein, has grown to 26 lawyers with litigation and transactional strengths in a range of practices and client sectors, including financial services, real estate, M&A and private equity, labor and employment, healthcare, tax, and government affairs and public policy matters.

"We are excited to welcome Erin to our Atlanta office," said Jason. "Her expertise in complex tax planning and dispute resolution matters allows us to provide even more robust support to businesses navigating the evolving tax landscape, further solidifying our Atlanta office as a base for comprehensive legal solutions."

About Akerman

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