

## Press Release

# Akerman Welcomes Back Labor and Employment Partner Christopher Lepore in Chicago

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Akerman is pleased to announce that Christopher Lepore has rejoined the firm as a partner in the Labor and Employment Practice Group in the Chicago office. Chris brings extensive experience advising employers nationwide on complex workplace challenges, including compliance counseling, employment litigation, and workplace policy development.

Chris serves as a trusted advisor to businesses of all sizes, helping them navigate sensitive employment issues such as hiring, terminations, performance management, wage-and-hour compliance, and accommodations. He collaborates with clients to craft workplace policies that align with business goals while ensuring compliance with federal, state, and local laws. His practice also includes drafting and negotiating employment agreements, conducting audits and training sessions, and leading high-stakes investigations.

When litigation arises, Chris represents employers and senior executives in disputes involving discrimination, harassment, retaliation, wage-and-hour violations, and restrictive covenants. He has successfully handled single-plaintiff cases as well as complex class actions and trade secret misappropriation disputes. Additionally, Chris advises on employment matters in M&A

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transactions, including due diligence and agreement negotiations.

“Chris’ deep understanding of employment law and his ability to navigate high-risk workplace challenges make him an invaluable addition to our team,” said [Eric Gordon](#), chair of Akerman’s Labor and Employment Practice Group. “His return strengthens our ability to deliver exceptional counsel to employers nationwide, and we are thrilled to welcome him back.”

Akerman’s Chicago office includes more than 50 lawyers, with litigation and transactional strengths in a range of practices and client sectors, including financial services, land use and real estate, M&A and private equity, labor and employment, healthcare, intellectual property, bankruptcy and reorganization, tax, and white collar crime and government investigation matters.

## **About Akerman**

Founded in 1920, Akerman is recognized as one of the country’s premier law firms, with more than 700 lawyers in 25 offices throughout the United States.

Akerman’s Labor & Employment Practice Group defends employers throughout the United States in all types of litigation under federal, state and local employment laws, including the Fair Labor Standards Act. Adept at class and collective actions defense, the group represents clients in connection with employment law compliance, collective bargaining and NLRB proceedings, ADA public access, global workforce issues, immigration, and non-compete and trade secret advice and litigation.

Akerman also delivers important developments in labor and employment law on their [HR Defense Blog](#).