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# Akerman Partners Kanika Corley and Marissa Alguire Named *LA Times Studios: 2025* Law Firm Visionaries

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Labor and Employment Practice Group Deputy Chair [Marissa Alguire](#) and Sports and Entertainment Sector Team Lead [Kanika Corley](#) have been named 2025 Law Firm Visionaries by *LA Times Studios*, which recognizes exceptional leaders are driving change across a diverse range of practice areas.

Marissa represents employers in all aspects of employment-related business matters and litigation in state and federal courts and in arbitration. Her practice focuses on the defense of management in high stakes class action, multi-plaintiff, and single plaintiff lawsuits alleging claims of harassment, discrimination, wrongful termination, retaliation, wage and hour violations, and PAGA issues. She also defends clients in proceedings before California and Federal agencies including the Civil Rights Department, the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the U.S. Department of Labor, and the Employment Development Department. Marissa works with employers in various sectors, including technology, entertainment, hospitality, retail, healthcare, and logistics.

Kanika has developed a thriving practice in broad-based, complex commercial and intellectual property litigation with a focus on the sports, entertainment, and media industries. She has

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worked with and provided legal assistance for a wide array of clients, including print, digital, and broadcast media companies; advertising companies; footwear and apparel designers and manufacturers; and institutions and entities in professional sports and entertainment, among others.