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Akerman Expands Recently Established Charlotte Office With Renewable Energy Partner Art Howson

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Akerman is pleased to announce that Art Howson has joined the firm's Charlotte office as a partner in the Corporate Practice Group. He arrives from Womble Bond Dickinson LLP. This strategic addition underscores Akerman's ongoing expansion across its national platform and enhances its capabilities in the renewable energy sector.

Art's arrival marks another significant milestone for Akerman's Charlotte office, which opened in November 2024. The office is building a focused presence in project finance and development work, with particular strength in renewable energy and digital infrastructure. Art's arrival emphasizes Akerman's continued investment in the region and its long-term commitment to building a premier energy and infrastructure platform in Charlotte and beyond. The Charlotte team is led by experienced project finance partner Josh DeBottis, who serves as co-chair of Akerman's Renewable Energy and Electric Power Practice.

Art brings extensive experience in renewable energy project finance and development, having advised lenders, investors, sponsors, and developers on the financing, construction, and acquisition of renewable energy projects, including solar energy and renewable natural gas facilities. His proficiency encompasses a variety of complex financing

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arrangements, such as construction loans, term loans, sale-leaseback transactions, and tax credit investments.

“Joining Akerman presents an exciting opportunity to collaborate with a dynamic team that is deeply committed to the renewable energy sector,” Art said. “The firm’s strategic growth and emphasis on energy and infrastructure align perfectly with my practice and support clients as they adapt to a fast-changing landscape.”

“Art’s addition to our team is a testament to Akerman’s deliberate expansion and our dedication to serving clients in the renewable energy sector,” Josh said. “His extensive experience in renewable energy project finance strengthens our ability to guide clients through the complexities of a constantly shifting market.”

Akerman’s strategic growth in key markets like Charlotte reflects the firm’s commitment to aligning its services with client demand in high-growth sectors, particularly renewable energy and infrastructure. The addition of seasoned professionals like Art further solidifies Akerman’s position as a leader in these areas.

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