

## Press Release

# Akerman Represents Hidden Harbor Capital in Second Architectural Firm Investment

April 24, 2025

Akerman represented private equity firm Hidden Harbor Capital Partners in its strategic investment in McKee & Associates Architects and Barganier Davis Williams Architects Associated (BDW). The Akerman team representing Hidden Harbor included Corporate Partner [Andrew Hard](#), Corporate Practice Co-Chair Emeritus [Carl Roston](#), and Corporate associates [Ledah Geller](#), [Glorimer Rodriguez Sierra](#), and [Paola Benitez](#).

Hidden Harbor Capital Partners is based in Boca Raton, Fla., and currently manages over \$2 billion of equity capital and is investing out of its third fund, an \$825 million vehicle. McKee & Associates and BDW are both headquartered in Montgomery, Ala., and specialize in providing architectural and design services to K-12 education, higher education, and municipal clients.

Akerman represented Hidden Harbor Capital Partners in a similar investment in the competing Alabama architectural firm Lathan Associates earlier this year. Following the transaction, Lathan and McKee combined as Lathan McKee Architects, creating a market-leading K-12 education architecture and design services firm in the Southeastern United States. BDW joins Lathan McKee as a member of the L&M group of companies.

---

### Related People

Paola Benitez  
Ledah E. Geller  
Andrew H. Hard  
Glorimer Rodriguez Sierra  
Carl D. Roston

---

### Related Work

Corporate  
M&A and Private Equity

---

### Related Offices

Miami  
Washington, D.C.

## **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.