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Akerman Partner Jim Grice Leads Bisnow Discussion on Data Centers Demand and Changes

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In an exclusive interview with Bisnow, Jim Grice, chair of Akerman's Data Centers and Digital Infrastructure Practice, discusses the unprecedented demand for digital infrastructure in the U.S., particularly in Northern Virginia, which remains the nation's largest and most dynamic data center market despite growing power constraints. He highlights the shift in how the industry handles power delivery due to surging demand, the challenges of interconnection and permitting, and the evolution of data center design — particularly with rising power densities requiring liquid cooling. Jim also explains how Akerman is supporting clients with power entitlements, interconnection applications, on-site power development, and innovative tax strategies to navigate supply chain delays and maximize capital efficiency.

Jim will be moderating a panel on this topic at Bisnow's upcoming DICE National conference on May 20–22. Their discussion is titled "Data Center Supply Chain, Capacity Planning and Procurement: The Biggest Challenges Impacting Supply Chain, Innovative Solutions to Keep Up with Demand and Building Resiliency."

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