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# Law 360 Names Akerman Powerhouse Law Firm

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Akerman was named in *Law360*'s inaugural Regional Powerhouse series, which ranked U.S. law firms that have a sizeable presence and made significant accomplishments in their home state and beyond. Akerman was recognized among the "Powerhouse" firms in the Florida market, highlighting Akerman's strength in middle market M&A transactions, within the real estate and financial services sectors across numerous disciplines, and in cross-border transactions and disputes in Latin America.

Law360 reported that Akerman lawyers have been at the center of many of the transformational events in Florida's history for almost 95 years. The article traced Akerman's growth in the region, and expansive reach throughout the U.S. and across the Americas, by highlighting the firm's involvement in several high profile M&A and real estate transactions in the past year, as well as in disputes with national and international significance.

Akerman Chairman and CEO <u>Andrew Smulian</u> was quoted, "When you look at the demographics and growth sectors in Florida, Akerman's core strengths mirror the local economy. We are aligned with client needs and have a hyperspecific focus on creating competitive advantage for our clients where we have competitive advantage as a law firm."

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Miami Orlando In describing the firm's continued growth across 20 offices in the U.S., Smulian said: "Building capacity in business centers like Chicago; New York; Washington, D.C.; and, of course, in Miami will continue to be part of our client-driven strategy."

Other Akerman lawyers quoted include: Cecelia Bonifay, Land Use & Sustainable Development Practice Chair; Mary Carroll, Corporate Practice Group Chair, and <u>Luis Perez</u>, Latin America & the Caribbean Practice Co-Chair. They collectively described the firm's collaborative culture and long-standing client relationships.