

Press Release

Akerman Climbs *The American Lawyer's* Top 100 Law Firms List

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Akerman LLP has once again advanced its position among the nation's largest law firms. The firm rose to 97th on *The American Lawyer's* "Am Law 100" List, an annual measure of the top-grossing law firms.

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Akerman's new ranking is consistent with the firm's record growth for five consecutive years. Its revenues increased by 4 percent — nearly double the national industry average — during the 2015 fiscal year. Headcount grew to an all-time high of 620 lawyers across 20 U.S. offices, increasing by 150 lawyers since 2010.

"Our achievements year-over-year is a testament to Akerman's success in delivering a superior experience to our clients, our people and the many communities we serve," said [Andrew Smulian](#), Akerman Chairman and CEO. "We have great momentum, with client relationships that continue to flourish, the highest quality professionals who continue to join our firm, and an expanding enterprise with strong growth throughout the United States and across Latin America. I am proud of what our people have achieved together this year and over the last five years, and the future looks very bright."

Akerman's rise among the nation's top law firms is a reflection of its continued ability to meet changing client needs while adapting to disruptions in the marketplace. In 2015, the *Financial Times* singled-

out Akerman as one of the most forward-thinking law firms in the business of law category for establishing the Akerman R&D Council, the legal industry's first R&D co-venture with clients. It was noted that unlike other forms of client interaction, the Akerman R&D Council provides clients a seat at the table, giving them greater access and influence in the strategy and direction of Akerman's business. Akerman also was distinguished by the *Financial Times* for creating one of the most innovative social responsibility projects after forming an unprecedented law firm partnership with the National Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association for abused and neglected foster youth during the launch of the Akerman Give Back campaign.

About Akerman LLP

Akerman LLP is a leading transactions and trial law firm known for its core strengths in middle market M&A, within the financial services and real estate industries, and for a diverse Latin America practice. With more than 600 lawyers and government affairs professionals and a network of 20 offices, it is ranked among the top 100 law firms in the United States by *The American Lawyer* (2016). Akerman also is ranked among the top 50 law firms for diversity in *The American Lawyer's Diversity Scorecard* (2015).