

## Press Release

# Akerman Represents Graycliff Partners in Investment in Richardson Saw & Lawnmower

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Akerman represented Graycliff Partners LP in its investment in Richardson Saw & Lawnmower (Richardson), a Texas-based provider of outdoor power equipment, parts, and services for the commercial landscaping industry. The investment was made through Graycliff's GCP Ascend small-cap fund and marks the fund's first platform investment.

The Akerman deal team was led by Corporate Practice Partners William Hoy and Matthew Raby, and included key support from across the firm's national platform:

- Peter Chiabotti, Partner, Intellectual Property Practice Group
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Founded in 1968 and based in Dallas, Richardson is a leading provider and servicer of outdoor power equipment to professional landscaping customers. The company maintains long-standing relationships with top-tier OEMs including Toro, Stihl, Scag, Honda, eXmark, and Echo.

GCP Ascend targets founder- and family-owned businesses with EBITDA under \$4 million in the manufacturing, industrial services, and value-added distribution sectors.

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