

## Press Release

# Akerman Ranked Among Top Transactional Law Firms in United States by *International Financial Law Review*

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Firm Recognized as Leading Law Firm in M&A and Private Equity, Real Estate, Restructuring and Insolvency

Akerman is proud to share the firm was ranked as a leading U.S. law firm in the areas of M&A and Private Equity, Real Estate, and Restructuring and Insolvency by *International Financial Law Review* in its 2025 “IFLR 1000 United States” list, which recognizes the most innovative firms, deals, and lawyers based on transactions, as well as client and peer feedback. Akerman was also ranked as a Tier 1 law firm in Florida in the areas of M&A and Real Estate, and it ranked for its restructuring and insolvency strengths in Texas.

In addition, ten Akerman lawyers were distinguished for their experience. The lawyers include:

- Jonathan Awner, Co-Chair, Corporate Practice Group: Highly Regarded – M&A, Private Equity
- Nathan Balint, Partner, Corporate Practice Group: Highly Regarded – M&A
- David Birke, Co-Chair, Corporate Practice Group: Highly Regarded – Florida – M&A, Private Equity

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### Related People

Jonathan L. Awner  
Nathan N. Balint  
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Jed Freeland  
Stephen K. Roddenberry  
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Christina C. Russo  
Hiroshi Sarumida  
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### Related Work

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M&A and Private Equity  
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- Martin Burkett, Co-Chair, M&A and Private Equity Practice: Highly Regarded – Florida – M&A
- Jed Freeland, Partner, Corporate Practice Group: Highly Regarded – Florida – M&A, Private Equity
- Stephen Roddenberry, Partner, Corporate Practice Group: Highly Regarded – Florida – M&A
- Carl Roston, Partner, Corporate Practice Group: Highly Regarded – Florida – M&A
- Christina Russo, Co-Chair, Capital Markets Practice: Highly Regarded – Capital Markets
- Hiroshi Sarumida, Co-Leader, Japan Transactional Team: Notable Practitioner – M&A
- Samuel Zylberberg, Co-Chair, Real Estate Financing Practice: Notable Practitioner – Real Estate Finance, Real Estate Acquisitions

### **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.