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Akerman's Grasford Smith Receives 2025 President's Award from the National Bar Association

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Litigation Partner Grasford Smith has been honored with the 2025 President's Award from the National Bar Association (NBA). The award recognizes exceptional service, leadership, and dedication to advancing the mission of the NBA and the legal profession.

Grasford currently serves as Vice President of the National Bar Association, is a member of the Florida Bar Board of Governors, and is a past president of the Palm Beach County Bar Association. Certified by the Supreme Court of Florida as a Circuit Civil Mediator, Grasford focuses his national practice on complex commercial litigation matters. His work has earned repeated recognition by *Best Lawyers* and *Lawdragon* as one of the leading lawyers in America.

An accomplished litigator and trusted advisor, Grasford has significant experience representing Fortune 500 companies, government agencies, athletic leagues, technology companies, and government officials, in addition to small and medium-sized businesses, in commercial disputes and strategic business matters. He also advises clients on corporate governance, government enforcement actions, restrictive covenants, trade secrets, real estate disputes, construction defects, franchise matters, product liability, intellectual property, eminent domain, and

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