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Akerman Again Ranked Among Top Franchise Industry Law Firms

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Akerman has once again been ranked among *Entrepreneur Magazine's* Top Franchise Suppliers for 2025, earning distinction in the Legal category. This annual ranking identifies the best legal partners helping franchise brands to successfully launch, scale, and protect their businesses.

Entrepreneur's Top Franchise Suppliers List is compiled through surveys of more than 1,000 franchisors, who are asked to rate their service providers on quality, value, and reliability in areas such as legal counsel, technology, and marketing solutions. Akerman's inclusion is a testament to the firm's client-focused approach and deep experience guiding clients through every phase of the franchise lifecycle — from entity structuring, regulatory compliance, and M&A to dispute resolution and brand protection.

With one of the largest and most experienced franchise teams in the United States, Akerman advises many of the nation's most prominent franchise brands, as well as emerging concepts poised for growth. The firm's lawyers assist franchise companies of all sizes as they confront numerous legal challenges — from federal, state, and international laws and regulations, to the protection of trademarks and other intellectual property, to changes in the areas of brand standards, product safety, joint employer, officer and vicarious liability,

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cybersecurity, encroachment, antitrust, and unfair competition. Akerman assists clients with all phases of franchising, licensing, and distribution in the United States and, in association with law firms in other countries, around the world.

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