

Press Release

Benchmark Litigation Recognizes 40 Akerman Lawyers in 2026 Rankings of the Leading U.S. Litigators

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Benchmark Litigation has recognized 40 Akerman lawyers in its 2026 edition of the leading litigators in the United States. Among them, 29 Akerman partners were named “Stars” in their respective practice areas, with an additional 11 honored as “Future Stars.” *Benchmark Litigation* further named Akerman as a “Highly Recommended” firm in Florida for Dispute Resolution and a “Recommended” firm for Dispute Resolution in Washington, D.C. Labor and Employment Partner Amy Moor Gaylord was also named to the “Top 50 Labor and Employment Litigators” list, highlighting lawyers noted for exceptional reputations and achievements in labor and employment litigation.

Benchmark Litigation compiles its rankings through extensive interviews, peer reviews, client feedback, and analysis of case records.

The Akerman lawyers recognized in the 2026 edition include:

- Joshua Bernstein, New York – Litigation Star
- Mark Bernstein, Chicago – Litigation Star
- Michael Bowen, Jacksonville – Litigation Star
- Robert Chaskes, West Palm Beach – Litigation Star
- Michael Chavies, Miami – Litigation Star

Related People

Joshua D. Bernstein
Mark S. Bernstein
Michael J. Bowen
Robert I. Chaskes
Michael B. Chavies
Dana Clayton
Gerald B. Cope, Jr.
Kanika D. Corley
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John L. Dicks, II
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Kristen M. Fiore
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Amy Moor Gaylord
Christian P. George
Andrew P. Gold
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Valerie B. Greenberg
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Xakema L. Henderson
Stephen B. Hurlbut
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Donnie M. King
Julia R. Lissner
Tamara Savin Malvin
Jason L. Margolin
Michael C. Marsh
Robyn D. Neely
Jason S. Oletsky

- [Dana Clayton](#), Miami – Litigation Star
- [Gerald Cope](#), Miami – Litigation Star
- [Kanika Corley](#), Los Angeles – Future Star
- [Megan Costa DeLeon](#), Orlando – Litigation Star
- [John Dicks](#), Tampa – Future Star
- [Amy Graham Doehring](#), Chicago – Litigation Star
- [Kristen Fiore](#), Tallahassee – Litigation Star
- [Erica Fleetwood](#), Atlanta – Litigation Star
- [Amy Moor Gaylord](#), Chicago – Litigation Star and Top 50 Labor and Employment Litigators
- [Christian George](#), Jacksonville – Litigation Star
- [Andrew Gold](#), Fort Lauderdale – Litigation Star
- [Michael Goldberg](#), Fort Lauderdale – Litigation Star
- [Valerie Greenberg](#), Miami – Litigation Star
- [H. Peter Haveles, Jr.](#), New York – Litigation Star
- [William Heller](#), Fort Lauderdale – Litigation Star
- [Xakema Henderson](#), Dallas and Denver – Future Star
- [Stephen Hurlbut](#), Washington, D.C. – Litigation Star
- [Benjamin Joelson](#), New York – Future Star
- [Scott Kessler](#), New York – Litigation Star
- [Donnie King](#), Fort Lauderdale – Future Star
- [Julia Lissner](#), Chicago – Future Star
- [Tamara Malvin](#), Fort Lauderdale – Future Star
- [Jason Margolin](#), Tampa – Future Star
- [Michael Marsh](#), Fort Lauderdale – Litigation Star
- [Robyn Neely](#), Orlando – Litigation Star
- [Jason Oletsky](#), Fort Lauderdale and Miami – Litigation Star
- [Kathleen Prystowsky](#), New York – Future Star

Kathleen M. Prystowsky
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- Jonathan Robbins, Fort Lauderdale – Litigation Star
- Lawrence Rochefort, West Palm Beach – Litigation Star
- Ryan Roman, Fort Lauderdale and Miami – Future Star
- Elliot Strader, Dallas – Future Star
- Michael Weiss, Los Angeles – Litigation Star
- Bryan West, Miami – Litigation Star
- Jeremy Williams, Dallas – Litigation Star
- Steven Wirth, Tampa and New York – Litigation Star

This recognition follows Akerman's recent ranking by BTI Consulting Group as a top law firm in Class Action Litigation and Commercial Litigation in the United States, based on an in-depth survey of 350 corporate counsel in its "Litigation Outlook 2026" report. The firm's Litigation Practice Group is also nationally ranked Tier 1 in *Best Lawyers'* annual "Best Law Firms" survey, known for its success in high-stakes, bet-the-company litigation.

About Akerman

Founded in 1920, Akerman is recognized as one of the country's premier law firms, with more than 700 lawyers throughout the United States.