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Christina Russo is a partner and serves as the co-chair of Akerman's Capital Markets Practice. With extensive experience representing public and private companies, Christina routinely advises clients on corporate and securities matters, and mergers and acquisitions. Christina also counsels boards and senior management on a variety of corporate governance matters, including Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) matters.

Public companies value Christina's knowledge of public offerings, secondary offerings, PIPE financing, '34 Act reporting requirements, and regulatory compliance (including compliance with the SEC, NASDAQ, NYSE, NYSE MKT, FINRA and state securities laws).

### Notable Work

**Armour Residential REIT:** Represented the client in its tender offer and merger with JAVELIN Mortgage Investment, as well as in at-the-market offerings of common stock and cumulative redeemable preferred stock.

**Swisher Hygiene:** Represented the client in the sale of its U.S. operations to Ecolab.

**Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services:** Represented the client in a \$75 million at-the-market offering of cumulative redeemable preferred stock.

**Republic Services:** Represented the client in its \$12.9 billion merger with Allied Waste Industries, Inc.

**OPKO Health:** Represented the client (a former shell company) in its \$480 million acquisition of PROLOR Biotech, a biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing longer-acting proprietary versions of already approved therapeutic proteins, as well as in its \$290 million acquisition of Cytochroma, a clinical stage pharmaceutical company developing proprietary products to treat

### Areas of Experience

Corporate  
Capital Markets  
Corporate Governance  
M&A and Private Equity  
Financial Services  
Gaming Law

### Education

J.D., Emory University School of Law, 2004  
B.S., University of Florida, Accounting, 2001

### Admissions

#### Bars

Florida

### Languages

Spanish

### Related Content

- SEC Expands Confidential Review Process for Draft Registration Statements  
March 28, 2025
- SEC Approves Changes to NYSE and Nasdaq Minimum Price Rules: What Public Companies Need to Know  
March 12, 2025
- Christina Russo Makes Top 50 Women Leaders in Law List for Fourth Year  
March 05, 2025

conditions associated with chronic kidney disease and vitamin D insufficiency.

**JAVELIN Mortgage Investment:** Represented the client in a follow-on underwritten public offering for \$115.8 million, as well as in an IPO for \$150 million.

**inVentiv Health:** Represented the client in its sale to certain affiliates of Thomas H. Lee Partners.

**Medytox Solutions:** Represented the client in its merger with CollabRx.

**Tiger X Medical:** Represented the client of (a former shell company and formerly Cardo Medical) in the asset sale of its joint arthroplasty division to Arthrex, as well as in its merger with BioCardio.

**Continuicare Corporation:** Represented the client in its merger with Metropolitan Health Networks.

**Enterprise Acquisition:** Represented the client (an SPAC formed for the purpose of acquiring one or more operating businesses), in a \$21.3 million merger with ARMOUR Residential REIT, as well as in an IPO for \$250 million.

**Ideation Acquisition:** Represented the client (a SPAC), in a \$156.7 million acquisition of Search Media International.

## Affiliations

- Chief, Member
- The Florida Bar, Member
- American Bar Association, Member
- Cuban-American Bar Association, Member
- Federal Bar Association, Member
- Hispanic National Bar Association, Member
- Make-A-Wish, Wish Society, Member
- Weston Bar Association, Member

## Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2019-2025, Listed in Florida for Corporate Law
- *Lawdragon*, 2021-2022, 2024-2025, Listed as a “Lawdragon 500 Leading Dealmakers in America”
- *Attorney Intel*, 2025, Listed as One of “The Top 25 Corporate Finance and Capital Markets Attorneys”
- *Women We Admire*, 2022-2025, Listed as one of “The Top Women Leaders in Law”
- *Florida Trend’s Legal Elite*, 2023-2024, Notable Women Leaders in Law, Honoree
- *International Financial Law Review (IFLR) 1000*, Listed as “Highly Regarded” for Capital Markets
- *South Florida Legal Guide* Top Up and Comers 2016-2019, Listed for Corporate and Business
- *Daily Business Review* 2013, Recognized as a Rising Star in South Florida
- *Daily Business Review* 2013, Top Dealmaker Finalist for International Corporate

- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Recognized as a “40 Under 40,”  
Outstanding Lawyer of Miami-Dade County, 2013