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# Michael C. Marsh and Grasford W. Smith Named to *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading Lawyers in America

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Akerman litigation partners [Michael C. Marsh](#), a member of the firm's executive committee, and [Grasford W. Smith](#), member of the firm's board of directors, have once again been named to *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Lawyers in America." *Lawdragon* is a leading legal industry publication that selects lawyers for its annual guide through a combination of submissions, journalistic research, and editorial review.

Michael is a nationally recognized first-chair trial lawyer and trusted business advisor who represents Fortune 500 companies, private equity firms, and other sophisticated clients in high-stakes commercial litigation, securities and class action defense, and M&A disputes. He has served as lead trial counsel in numerous jury and bench trials in state and federal courts across the United States and also advises clients on corporate governance and compliance matters, major restructurings, and federal and state agency investigations.

Grasford is a nationally respected litigator focused on complex commercial disputes for Fortune 500 companies, government agencies, and other sophisticated organizations. He is certified by the Supreme Court of Florida as a circuit civil mediator and brings extensive boardroom and courtroom experience to bet-the-company litigation and other

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high-exposure matters. Grasford is also actively engaged in leadership and service roles within the legal profession and the broader community.

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