

Press Release

Akerman Grows Pro Bono Team, Names Healthcare Partner Jeremy Burnette as Pro Bono Counsel

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Atlanta-based Partner to Help Manage Pro Bono Staffing While Maintaining Active Healthcare Practice

Akerman is pleased to announce that Jeremy Burnette, a partner in the firm's Healthcare Practice Group, has been named Pro Bono Counsel. In this newly formalized role, he will support the firm's Pro Bono Initiative by assisting with pro bono staffing and maintaining an active pro bono docket, while continuing his healthcare practice.

The appointment builds on years of leadership, experience, and commitment to public service. Jeremy has long been a vocal champion of pro bono work at Akerman, consistently advocating within the firm and the broader legal profession while devoting substantial time to his own pro bono matters. His dedication to equal access to justice has earned recognition both inside the firm, as well as nationally, including Top 10 Finalist for *Chambers USA* "Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year" in both 2023 and 2024, and Akerman's Pro Bono Impact Award.

"Jeremy's dedication to pro bono work exemplifies the values that define Akerman," said Gina DelChiaro, partner and Director of Pro Bono. "His leadership will strengthen our Pro Bono Initiative and inspire others across the firm to use their legal

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skills to help the most vulnerable and others in need in our communities.”

Jeremy’s pro bono experience includes leading large-scale, collaborative projects addressing complex public policy and public safety issues. He has coordinated teams of attorneys and staff on multistate pro bono initiatives and contributed to the development of comprehensive policy frameworks in partnership with national civil rights organizations. He has also represented nonprofits and low-income individuals in a variety of free legal services as part of his pro bono practice.

In addition to his new leadership role, Jeremy will remain a valued member of the Healthcare Practice Group, continuing his more than 20-year practice focused on complex litigation and healthcare compliance. He represents healthcare providers across a wide range of matters, including False Claims Act litigation and government investigations, state licensure board proceedings, payor audit and recoupment actions, medical staff matters, practice dissolutions, and commercial disputes. He also regularly advises healthcare providers on regulatory compliance and has served as outside counsel to providers’ internal compliance committees.

Jeremy has been recognized in *Best Lawyers in America* for Healthcare Law from 2022 to 2026 and was named to the *GaBiz* Top Lawyers List in 2025 and 2026. He earned his J.D. from Georgia State University College of Law, an M.A. in Clinical Psychology from Marshall University, and a B.S. from the University of Pikeville.

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