

In The News

Sixteen Akerman Attorneys Named 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers, Including Top 100 Honoree

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Sixteen attorneys from Akerman’s Chicago office have been recognized in *Super Lawyers* Magazine’s 2026 edition, underscoring the office’s deep bench of legal talent across white-collar defense, complex litigation, intellectual property, and labor and employment law. The honors include 11 attorneys named “Super Lawyers”—a distinction reserved for top-rated practitioners—and four named “Rising Stars,” recognizing exceptional lawyers who are 40 years or younger or in practice for 10 years or fewer.

Firm Chairman and Top 100 Honoree Lead Accolades

Included among the list are [Scott A. Meyers](#), Akerman’s Chairman and CEO, and [Sergio E. Acosta](#), Co-Chair of the firm’s White Collar Crime and Government Investigations Practice. Among all Illinois Super Lawyers honorees, Acosta was further distinguished with placement on the prestigious “Top 100” list—reserved for those who scored highest among 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement.

Chicago Office Delivers Depth Across Practice Areas

These recognitions underscore the strength of Akerman’s Chicago office as a trusted advisor on

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some of the most complex, high-stakes matters facing clients today. From sensitive government investigations and enforcement actions to bet-the-company litigation and sophisticated intellectual property disputes, the team is known for delivering clear, strategic counsel at moments of heightened legal, business, and reputational risk.

The 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers honors reflect both seasoned leadership and emerging talent within the Chicago office, highlighting a platform built for depth, continuity, and long-term client service. The concentration of litigation honorees reinforces the office's courtroom strength, while recognition across intellectual property, labor and employment, and government strategies demonstrates a multidisciplinary approach aligned with the realities of modern client challenges.

Akerman attorneys recognized in the 2026 edition include:

Super Lawyers 2026

- Scott A. Meyers, Chairman and CEO
- Sergio E. Acosta, Co-Chair, White Collar Crime and Government Investigations (*Top 100 Illinois Super Lawyers*)
- Mark S. Bernstein, Office Managing Partner, Litigation
- Joel D. Bertocchi, Partner, Litigation
- Amy Graham Doehring, Co-Deputy Chair, Litigation
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Rising Stars 2026

- Jessica L. Dagley, Partner, Litigation
- Jamel A.R. Greer, Special Counsel, Government Strategies
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About the Selection Process

Super Lawyers Magazine, a Thomson Reuters publication, recognizes outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The patented selection process includes independent research, peer nominations, and peer evaluations, with only a small percentage of attorneys in each state receiving the honor.