

## In The News

# 12 Akerman Lawyers Named to *Thomson Reuters* Stand-out Lawyers List

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Twelve Akerman lawyers have been recognized by their clients as 2026 *Thomson Reuters* Stand-out Lawyers.

Through its annual SharpLegal survey, *Thomson Reuters* asked more than 2,000 global senior legal buyers to identify up to three lawyers who stood out from other lawyers they interacted with over the last 12 months. *Thomson Reuters* recognizes these client-nominated individuals as Stand-out Lawyers. According to the organization, these lawyers stand out substantially for their ability to improve client satisfaction, increase client advocacy, grow share of wallet, strengthen the brand, enhance people engagement, and increase profits per partner.

The following Akerman lawyers from eight practice areas and nine offices were named 2026 Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyers:

- [Beau A. Baker](#), Co-Chair, Real Estate Financing Practice, Jacksonville and New York
- [David C. Blum](#), Co-Chair, Tax Practice Group, Chicago
- [Barbara Edwards](#), Partner, Corporate Practice Group, New York
- [Lorie A. Fale](#), Partner, Tax Practice Group, Miami
- [Christy S. Hawkins](#), Partner, Consumer Financial Services, Data and Technology (CFS+) Practice

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## Related People

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Consumer Financial Services, Data and Technology (CFS+)  
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Los Angeles  
Miami  
New York  
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- Marc A. Lieberstein, Partner, Franchise and Licensing Practice, New York
- Thomas Y. Mandler, Co-Chair, Traditional Labor Law Practice, Chicago
- Jeffrey J. Mayer, Partner, Litigation Practice Group, Chicago
- Scott D. Marrs, Partner, Litigation Practice Group, Austin and Houston
- Scot Patrick O'Brien, Partner, Corporate Practice Group, Washington, D.C.
- Mishell Parreno Taylor, Partner, Labor and Employment Practice Group, Austin and Los Angeles
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