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Media Showcase Akerman's Role in Historic Tax Ruling for Indian Tribes

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Akerman successfully represented the Seminole Tribe of Florida in an action challenging the constitutionality of both the Florida commercial rental tax, as well as the state's utilities tax. The former applies to rentals of Indian land, whereas the other pertains to utilities used by the tribe on its reservation. Media coverage of the case appeared on *Indianz.com*, *Law360* and *Native Times*. Articles described how the federal district court for the Southern District of Florida agreed that each of those taxes, as applied in that manner, violate federal law. Akerman lawyers also managed to have the tribe's case included in the Supreme Court's docket, *Law360* further reported. Along with prior rulings from lower courts, the incoming Supreme Court decision is expected to have an impact on Native American tribes across the U.S., as the application of those taxes on tribal land might not be constitutional in the vast majority of states. Akerman's [Glen Stankee](#) led the team representing the Seminole Tribe, along with Katherine Giddings and [Andrew Gold](#).

[*Indianz.com*: "Seminole Tribe Wins Ruling in State Taxation Case"](#)

[*Law360*: "Fla. Tribe Asks High Court to Review Fla. Fuel Tax Ruling"](#)

[*Native Times*: "Judge Sides with the Seminole Tribe in State Tax Dispute"](#)

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