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Florida Trend Recognizes Akerman Senterfitt Lawyers as among Legal Elite

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Akerman Senterfitt today announced that *Florida Trend* magazine has named 37 of the firm's attorneys to its 2013 Florida Legal Elite list, making Akerman one of the top firms in the state for total lawyers listed, and one of the four firms with the most women honorees. The lawyers are from Akerman's offices in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Orlando, Tallahassee, Tampa and West Palm Beach.

Honorees include shareholder Karen Buesing, who is a member of the Legal Elite Hall of Fame, and six lawyers under the age of 40 that were named Up and Comers for exhibiting leadership in the law and in their local community. The 2013 Florida Legal Elite list recognizes the state's top lawyers as selected by their peers through a voting process in 28 practice areas and recognizes less than 2 percent of the more than 66,000 Florida Bar members practicing in the state.

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