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Meg E. George, Vivien R. Krieger, Rachel E. McRoskey, and Thu Pham Named Among *GlobeSt*'s 2026 Women of Influence

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Akerman Real Estate Partners Meg E. George, Vivien R. Krieger, Rachel E. McRoskey, and Thu Pham have been named among *GlobeSt*'s 2026 Women of Influence in the CRE Legal Counsel category. The annual recognition honors leading women in commercial real estate, with the CRE Legal Counsel category recognizing attorneys for their contributions to the industry.

Meg, a member of Akerman's Executive Committee, advises clients on a wide range of real estate and municipal law matters, including acquisitions, dispositions, development, land use and zoning, licensing, and permitting. She represents owners and developers across a variety of asset classes and regularly appears before municipal boards and commissions throughout the Chicago area. Meg is ranked by *Chambers USA* for Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use in Illinois and recognized by *The Legal 500* for Real Estate – Land Use/Zoning.

Vivien represents developers, lenders, property owners, buyers, and nonprofit organizations in land use and zoning matters throughout New York City. She frequently drafts applications and represents clients before city and state agencies and public benefit corporations and advises on zoning approvals, development agreements, and related land use litigation. Vivien is ranked by *Chambers*

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USA for Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use in New York and was named by *Crain's New York Business* as a Notable Woman in Law.

Rachel represents clients in a broad spectrum of local and national real estate transactions, including acquisitions and dispositions of diverse asset classes, as well as leasing and financing matters. She is highly skilled in structuring and negotiating joint venture arrangements and advises clients throughout the transaction lifecycle, from initial structuring and due diligence through closing. Rachel has been recognized by *Best Lawyers* as “One to Watch” in Real Estate Law and by *Connect CRE* as a Lawyers in Real Estate honoree.

Thu focuses her practice on land development and incentives, including representing data center developers, owners, operators, and tenants in site selection, pursuing state and local incentives, preparing for compliance audits, and drafting proposed legislation to implement incentives for data centers. She also advises public- and private-sector clients on a broad range of matters, including comprehensive plan amendments, rezoning, code violations, right-of-way vacations, special assessments, impact fees, and variances. Thu has been recognized by *Best Lawyers* as “One to Watch” in Florida for Land Use and Zoning Law.

The 2026 Women of Influence honorees will be recognized at an awards dinner in Denver on July 13.

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