

## In The News

# Media Showcase Akerman's Accelerated Growth in Chicago

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Akerman's rapidly growing Chicago office received extensive media coverage, after expanding threefold to 24 lawyers just six months from its opening. Articles appeared in *Bloomberg News*, *JD Journal*, *The Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, *Law360* and *Chicago Lawyer*. Firm leaders, including [Scott Meyers](#), Chicago office managing partner, and [Lawrence Rochefort](#), Litigation Practice Group chair, were quoted regarding the firm's expansive platform and strengths, as well as its collaborative culture. Legal recruiting experts also commented about the firm's exceptional growth.

*Bloomberg News*, "[Akerman Grows in Chicago With Litigators: Business of Law](#)"

"Our clients here needed representation in the city and we have clients outside of Chicago that needed representation here ... The firm is very committed to Chicago, but never with the mandate that the office has to be filled immediately, but rather that we should fill the office with the right people," said Scott Meyers, Chicago office managing partner.

*The Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, "[Six Months Later, Akerman Three Times Bigger](#)"

"They made a real statement by the way they opened here — the people, the space ... At the pace that this firm is moving, they will be very, very competitive,

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[and] I think the key here is they're not dropping the bar on quality. These are very high-quality lawyers," said Kay Hoppe, president of Chicago legal recruiting firm Credentia Inc.

*Law360*, "Akerman Boosts Chicago Office With Five Business Litigators"

"The reputation of our new colleagues represents another significant step in the growth of Akerman's Chicago office as well as our litigation and arbitration teams," said Lawrence Rochefort, Litigation Practice Group chair.

*Chicago Lawyer*, "Now Boarding: Lateral Hires"

"There is a real hunger in this city for a platform where you really can have control and autonomy and be engaged in building something," said Meyers.