

Sectors

AI Governance

Enterprises built their AI policies for tools that wait for instructions. The systems they are deploying now plan, act, and persist: agentic AI that executes multistep work across business systems with less human involvement at each step. That shift changes the governance question from what a model may say to what a system may do, and it moves accountability questions that once lived in IT onto the agendas of boards and executive committees. Who authorized this action? What contains it when it fails? Who answers for the result?

Akerman's AI Governance team helps clients answer those questions before regulators, courts, customers, or their own systems answer first. We design enterprise AI governance programs: accountability structures, human oversight calibrated to the stakes of the decision, deployment standards for autonomous systems, and compliance architectures spanning the EU AI Act, U.S. state AI statutes, and sector-specific regimes. Because AI governance is not one discipline, the team draws on lawyers from the firm's data privacy, technology transactions, labor and employment, healthcare, and litigation practices, assembled around each client's deployment rather than around a practice-group org chart. The team runs the full arc: we design governance before deployment, and the same team defends clients when AI systems, decisions, and disclosures are challenged, including under the operational AI-washing theories our litigators first mapped.

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Regulators are not the only ones asking. Enterprise procurement teams now screen vendors for AI risk before it enters their own ecosystems, and a credible governance program has become a condition of winning and keeping business. We work both sides of that exchange.

We hold ourselves to the same standard. Akerman deploys AI across its own legal work under a governance framework the firm built and enforces: attorney-directed workflows, systems sandboxed within controlled environments, and autonomy expanded only as oversight matures. The lawyers who advise on AI governance operate under it every day. That experience produces counsel with an operator's bias toward what works: governance proportionate to the irreversibility of what a system can do, designed to enable deployment rather than prevent it.

collaboration, and strategic partnerships, we help organizations navigate the legal, operational, and governance challenges of artificial intelligence.

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What We Do

- Enterprise AI governance programs, including policies, accountability structures, and human oversight frameworks
- Deployment standards for agentic and autonomous AI systems, including permissioning, containment, and audit requirements
- AI regulatory compliance, including the EU AI Act, U.S. state AI laws, and sector-specific requirements
- AI risk and readiness assessments
- Board and executive advisory on AI oversight and fiduciary responsibilities
- AI incident response and remediation
- AI diligence in mergers, acquisitions, and investments
- AI-related disclosure counseling and defense of securities and governance claims, including operational AI-washing theories

- AI procurement and vendor governance, in coordination with our Technology Transactions team
- Workforce and employment counseling on AI deployment
- AI-related litigation readiness and dispute counseling
- Director, executive, and compliance-team training on AI governance