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Akerman Expands National Real Estate Practice with Addition of Partner Lisa S. Lim in New York

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Akerman today announced that Lisa S. Lim, a veteran deal maker, has returned to the firm's Real Estate Practice Group as a partner in New York City, where she will serve as Chair of Affordable Housing Transactions. She joins one of the largest and most active real estate legal teams in the U.S., deepening the firm's transactional and predevelopment real estate capabilities in New York.

"Lisa's command of the transactional and regulatory frameworks behind large-scale New York City development makes her return especially valuable for our clients," said Eric Rapkin, chair of Akerman's Real Estate Practice Group. "Her rare combination of private practice depth and government experience gives her an exceptional ability to guide clients through complex transactions from the earliest predevelopment stages through closing and post-closing."

Lisa focuses her practice on real estate finance and development, economic development, and affordable housing. A significant focus of her practice is advising clients on public-private partnerships, tax-exempt bond financing, low-income housing tax credits, and the regulatory frameworks governing large-scale development projects. She has previously served as general counsel of the New York City Public Housing Preservation Trust, and earlier in her

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career held positions at Empire State Development, the New York State Housing Finance Agency, the New York State Office of the Attorney General, and the New York City Housing Authority.

“Having worked on the government side of many of these transactions, I know how much it matters to have counsel who understands what the agencies need and why, and who can guide a project from the earliest predevelopment stages through closing,” said Lisa. “Akerman’s breadth of experience in affordable housing and public-private development makes this the ideal platform to continue serving clients and communities shaping the future of our city.”

Lisa is a fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and an adjunct professor at Fordham University School of Law, where she serves on the board of the Urban Law Center. She has been recognized by *Best Lawyers* in America and *Super Lawyers*, named a “Women of Influence” honoree by the *GlobeSt* Real Estate Forum and featured in *Women in Commercial Real Estate* by the New York Real Estate Journal.

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Akerman’s Real Estate Practice Group offers comprehensive and fully integrated project counsel services to clients across the United States and Latin America. Ranked Tier One in Real Estate Law by *Best Lawyers* and recognized by *Chambers USA*, *The Legal 500*, and *Law360* as a national leader, the group advises investors, developers, builders, lenders, and corporate end users in complex real estate transactions and financings, development and redevelopment projects, and public-private initiatives.