

## Press Release

# Akerman's Christian George Named President-Elect of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas and the largest law firm in Florida, today announced litigation Partner Christian George has been elected by the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division (YLD) to serve as president-elect in 2017. He will be sworn in as president-elect by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court during The Florida Bar's General Assembly meeting on June 23, 2017 and he will begin his term as president in June 2018.

"I am privileged to serve such a vital organization like the YLD and look forward to advancing our important work on behalf of nearly 30,000 members," said George. "As president, I will focus on promoting and strengthening the vast resources of The Florida Bar and the YLD to assist our members as they transition from law school to law practice and adapt to the continuing changes affecting our profession. Our leadership team has many exciting initiatives in store."

George has been a member of the board of governors of YLD since 2012. He serves on the board's executive committee and as a representative of the Fourth Judicial Circuit. In addition, George currently serves as president of the Jacksonville Bar Association's (JBA) Young Lawyers Section (YLS). He has served on the board of governors of YLS since

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Christian P. George

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2008, and is currently a member of the executive committee and the chair of the professionalism committee. George was honored for his leadership and service to the legal profession and the Jacksonville community as the 2015 recipient of JBA's Chair of the Year Award.

At Akerman, George concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial litigation and bankruptcy. He represents companies and individuals in various types of contract disputes, negotiable instruments and tort actions. He regularly handles suits involving fraud, tortious interference, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of warranty, civil theft, professional malpractice, estate, trust and probate litigation, eviction, conversion, and shareholder or partner disputes. In addition, George has significant experience representing financial institutions, other commercial lenders and landlords in bankruptcy courts around the United States.

George is recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* in the guide's "Florida Under 40 Hot List" and in *Super Lawyers* as a "Florida Rising Star" in Business Litigation, Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights and General Litigation. He also was named among Florida Trend's Legal Elite as an "Up & Comer" and previously by *Jacksonville Business Journal* as a "40 Under 40 Up & Comer." He earned his J.D. in 2007 from the University of Florida Levin College of Law and his B.A. in 2004 from the University of Florida.

### **About Akerman LLP**

Akerman LLP is a leading transactions and trial law firm known for its core strengths in middle market M&A, within the financial services and real estate industries, and for a diverse Latin America practice. With more than 650 lawyers and government affairs professionals and a network of 24 offices, it is ranked among the top 100 law firms in the United States by *The American Lawyer* (2016). Akerman also is ranked among the top 60 law firms for diversity in *The American Lawyer's* Diversity Scorecard (2016).