

Press Release

Akerman Ranked Among Top Transactional Law Firms in United States by *International Financial Law Review*

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Firm Recognized as Leading Law Firm in M&A and Private Equity, Real Estate and Construction, and Restructuring and Insolvency

Akerman earned top U.S. rankings in M&A and Private Equity, Real Estate and Construction, and Restructuring and Insolvency in *International Financial Law Review*'s (IFLR) 2026 "IFLR 1000 United States" list, which recognizes the most innovative firms, deals, and lawyers based on transactions, as well as client and peer feedback. The firm also earned a Tier 1 ranking in Florida for M&A and Real Estate and Construction and was recognized in Texas for its restructuring and insolvency strengths.

IFLR also individually recognized nine Akerman lawyers, including:

- Jonathan L. Awner, Chair Emeritus, Corporate Practice Group: Highly Regarded – M&A and Private Equity
- Nathan N. Balint, Partner, Corporate Practice Group: Highly Regarded – M&A and Private Equity
- Martin G. Burkett, Co-Chair, M&A and Private Equity Practice: Highly Regarded – Florida – M&A

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- Hiroshi Sarumida, Co-Leader, Japan Transactional Team: Notable Practitioner – M&A

About Akerman

Founded in 1920, Akerman is an Am Law 100 firm recognized by Vault among the nation's most prestigious law firms. The firm has more than 700 lawyers and business professionals throughout the United States.