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Benchmark Litigation Ranks 44 Akerman Lawyers as 2027 Leading Litigators

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Benchmark Litigation recognized 44 Akerman lawyers in its 2027 edition, including 30 partners named “Stars” and 14 lawyers named “Future Stars.” The publication also ranked Akerman as a “Highly Recommended” firm for Dispute Resolution, International Arbitration, and Real Estate in Florida, and for Dispute Resolution in Miami and Tampa. Additionally, the firm earned “Recommended” rankings for Dispute Resolution in Georgia, Illinois, Washington, D.C., and Charlotte.

Benchmark Litigation bases its rankings on extensive interviews, peer reviews, client feedback, and analysis of case records.

The recognition from *Benchmark Litigation* follows Akerman’s recent ranking by BTI Consulting Group as one of the “Most Feared Law Firms in Litigation” in its BTI Litigation Outlook 2027 report, a designation based on more than 350 surveys and interviews with general counsel, chief legal officers, and other senior legal decision-makers at organizations with \$1 billion or more in annual revenue.

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