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Akerman Expands National Real Estate Practice With Addition of Partner Natali Reyes in Orlando

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New partner brings more than a decade of experience in commercial real estate, with particular emphasis on residential community development and production homebuilding.

Akerman today announced that Natali Reyes has joined the firm's Real Estate Practice Group, one of the largest and most active real estate legal teams in the U.S., as a partner in Orlando.

"Natali's command of the transactions behind residential community development and homebuilding makes her an excellent addition to our team," said Eric D. Rapkin, chair of Akerman's Real Estate Practice Group. "Her combination of transactional, lending, and litigation experience gives her a view of a project at every stage, from land acquisition through closing. Developers and lenders rely on that kind of counsel, and she will be a valuable resource for our clients."

With more than a decade of experience in commercial real estate and business law, Natali represents developers, investors, financial institutions, and private lenders in sophisticated transactions and business matters. Her work spans the full spectrum of commercial real estate, including acquisitions and dispositions,

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development, commercial leasing, and real estate finance, with particular emphasis on residential community development and production homebuilding.

Natali manages real estate due diligence, including title and survey review, and coordinates transactions through closing. She advises clients throughout the lifecycle of real estate investments and developments, helping them navigate legal and business considerations, anticipate potential challenges, and advance their objectives. She also counsels clients on related corporate matters, including entity formation and corporate governance. Her background in real estate disputes, including title matters, foreclosures, landlord-tenant issues, and contract disputes, further informs her practical, business-minded approach.

“Having represented developers and lenders alike, I know how much it matters to have counsel who can see a deal from both sides,” said Natali. “Akerman’s real estate platform gives me a deeper bench and a national footprint behind every deal, and I am looking forward to getting started.”

Natali was selected for the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity’s Pathfinder Program in 2025 and served as vice chair of Academy Prep of Lakeland’s board of trustees. She is a past president of the Volusia County Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division and has served on the boards of the DeLand and Volusia Hispanic chambers of commerce. She is admitted to practice in Florida and the Dominican Republic.

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.

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.