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Douglas B. Paul Named to *Securities Docket*'s 2026 Enforcement Elite for Third Consecutive Year

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Akerman White Collar Crime and Government Investigations Partner Douglas B. Paul has been named to *Securities Docket*'s 2026 "Enforcement Elite" for the third consecutive year, a prestigious recognition honoring the top securities enforcement defense lawyers in the industry. The peer-nominated list highlights attorneys who have played critical roles in some of the most significant Securities and Exchange Commission enforcement matters and represent many of the world's leading law firms.

A former branch chief in the SEC's Division of Enforcement and a former assistant independent counsel, Douglas represents individuals and companies in government investigations and enforcement actions covering a variety of areas. He has assisted clients in responding to allegations of securities fraud, insider trading, violations of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, FINRA violations, health care fraud, accounting fraud, and violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Douglas has deep experience working with Fortune 500 and mid-market companies, including financial institutions, hedge funds, broker-dealers, infrastructure firms, and beverage and spirits distributors. He regularly advises boards of directors and associated committees in responding to

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whistleblower and other allegations of wrongdoing and conducts related internal investigations.

Douglas works with companies to develop, improve, and implement ethics and compliance policies and procedures, and he provides guidance on corporate governance. He has also been recognized with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Director's Award and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's Chairman's Award.

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