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Press Release

Akerman Names 15 New Partners

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New partners reflect the depth of talent across the firm

Akerman today announced that 15 lawyers have been promoted to partner, effective November 1. The class spans five practice groups and eight offices.

"These 15 lawyers pair outstanding legal acumen with a relentless work ethic, and they deliver extraordinary results for our clients," said Scott Meyers, Chairman and CEO of Akerman. "We are delighted to welcome these exceptional lawyers to our partnership."

The new partners are:

- Ashley B. Akapo – Litigation, New York
- Scott E. Allbright, Jr. – Litigation, Miami
- Andrew Bayer – Corporate, West Palm Beach
- Alberto E. Chávez – Litigation, Wilmington
- Jim T. Deiotte, Jr. – Corporate, Fort Lauderdale
- Kurt M. Gosselin – CFS+, New York
- Alexander J. Hall – Litigation, Miami
- Darcy Hansen – Litigation, New York
- W. Andrew Herndon – Corporate, Charlotte
- Andrew C. Karter – Labor and Employment, New York
- Andrew J. Kim – Corporate, New York

Related People

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- Riya Resheidat – Litigation, Orlando
- Frank St. Jacques – Real Estate, New York

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.