

Press Release

Akerman Senterfitt Represents Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. in \$81 Million Underwritten Public Offering of Common Stock

April 1, 2013

Akerman represented Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. in an approximately \$81 million underwritten public offering of 3,335,000 shares of its common stock held by funds managed by Jefferies Capital Partners, a private equity firm, in which Jefferies LLC, Piper Jaffray & Co., Raymond James & Associates, Inc. and Stephens Inc. acted as underwriters. The transaction was completed on March 27, 2013.

The Akerman team was led by shareholder Wayne Wald and of counsel Palash Pandya. They were assisted by associates John Lee and Dalia De Leon.

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