

Press Release

140 Akerman Lawyers Named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2016 Guide

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that 140 of its lawyers located across the country have been named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2016 list in 62 areas of law. Additionally, Best *Lawyers* named 13 Akerman Partners to the 2016 *Lawyer of the Year* list, an honor given to only one lawyer per practice area in every major market in the United States.

Among this year's *Best Lawyers of the Year* honorees are Kimberly Ashby for Appellate Practice (Orlando), Jonathan Awner for Corporate Law (Miami), Christopher Duke for Litigation – Labor and Employment (West Palm Beach), Susan Eisenberg for Employment Law – Management (Miami), Joseph “Ed” Foster for Litigation – Banking and Finance (Orlando), Michael Goldberg for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (Fort Lauderdale), Teddy Klinghoffer for Corporate Governance Law and Private Funds / Hedge Funds Law (Miami), John Macdonald for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (Jacksonville), Timothy McDermott for Litigation – Real Estate (Jacksonville), Michael McMahon for Litigation – Real Estate (Orlando), Stephen Roddenberry for Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law (Miami), William Spencer for Litigation –

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Real Estate (Fort Lauderdale), and Virginia Townes for Litigation – Trusts and Estates (Orlando).

The annual *Best Lawyers* list and *Lawyer of the Year* designation are based on peer-review surveys, in which more than 36,000 leading lawyers cast nearly 4.4 million votes on the legal abilities of other legal professionals in their practice areas.

Individual Lawyer Listings

- [Silvia M. Alderman](#) for Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental
- [Marcy Levine Aldrich](#) for Insurance Law
- [Jacqueline M. Arango](#) for Litigation – Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)
- [William C. Arnholds](#) for Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law
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Related Work

Bankruptcy and Reorganization
Construction
Consumer Financial Services, Data and Technology (CFS+)
Corporate
Government Affairs and Public Policy

- Cecelia Bonifay for Environmental Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law
- James S. Bramnick for Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Jacob A. Brown for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Charles T. Brumback for Banking and Finance Law
- Karen M. Buesing for Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- John E. Burke for Biotechnology Law, Patent Law
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- Christopher S. Carver for Commercial Litigation
- Robert I. Chaskes for Commercial Litigation
- Michael B. Chavies for Commercial Litigation
- Geoffrey C. Cheney for Corporate Law
- Patrick T. Christiansen for Banking and Finance Law
- Dana Clayton for Litigation – Real Estate
- Jules S. Cohen for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy
- J. Thomas Cookson for Corporate Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law
- Gerald B. Cope, Jr. for Appellate Practice
- Nancy A. Copperthwaite for Appellate Practice
- L. Frank Cordero for Tax Law
- Joe B. Cox for Trusts and Estates
- William C. Crenshaw for Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Peter L. Dame for Municipal Law, Public Finance Law
- Aileen S. Davis for Banking and Finance Law, Real Estate Law

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 Intellectual Property
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- Kirk S. Davis for Health Care Law, Litigation – Health Care, Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
- Megan C. DeVault for Litigation – Banking and Finance
- Martin R. Dix for FDA Law, Health Care Law
- David M. Doney for Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation
- John C. Dotterer for Commercial Litigation
- Donald K. Duffy for Tax Law
- Christopher S. Duke for Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Susan N. Eisenberg for Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Daniel P. Faust for Real Estate Law
- Manuel A. Fernandez for Real Estate Law
- Joseph “Ed” Foster for Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance, Litigation – Bankruptcy, Litigation – Real Estate, Mortgage Banking Foreclosure Law
- Irene Bassel Frick for Commercial Litigation
- Jeffrey M. Gad for Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- Donald G. Gavin for Arbitration, Construction Law, Litigation – Construction, Mediation
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- Michael P. Gennett for Health Care Law
- Katherine E. Giddings for Appellate Practice
- Jeffrey G. Gilmore for Construction Law, Litigation – Construction
- Andrew P. Gold for Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Real Estate
- Michael I. Goldberg for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and

Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy

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- Steven Grigas for Health Care Law
- Gary J. Guzzi for Insurance Law
- Russell B. Hale for Tax Law
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- Steven E.M. Hartz for Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense: White-Collar Law
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- William P. Heller for Financial Services Regulation Law
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- Richard T. Hurt for Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
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- William Kalish for Litigation and Controversy – Tax, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- Neisen O. Kasdin for Land Use and Zoning Law
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- Karen P. Kondell for Real Estate Law

- Burton A. Landy for International Arbitration – Commercial
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- D. Brett Marks for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Margaret D. Mathews for Commercial Litigation
- Jane K. McCahill for Health Care Law
- James M. McCann for Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Intellectual Property
- Timothy J. McDermott for Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance, Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, Litigation – Real Estate, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Theresa M. McLaughlin for Real Estate Law
- Michael P. McMahan for Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, Litigation – Real Estate
- James H. McNeil Jr. for Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law
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- Carolyn V. Metnick for Health Care Law
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- James M. Miller for Commercial Litigation
- Richard C. Milstein for Family Law, Litigation – Trusts and Estates, Trusts and Estates
- Shelley B. Mixon for Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent; Patent Law
- Esther L. Moreno for Corporate Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law
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- Jason S. Oletsky for Private Funds/Hedge Funds Law
- David E. Otero for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy, Litigation and Controversy – Tax, Securitization and Structured Finance Law
- Mark D. Passler for Patent Law
- T. Todd Pittenger for Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Intellectual Property; Real Estate Law
- Bruce D. Platt for Health Care Law
- Marci K. Poliakoff for Tax Law
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- Robert M. Poppell for Real Estate Law
- Henry H. Raattama, Jr. for Non-Profit/Charities Law, Tax Law
- Eric D. Rapkin for Real Estate Law
- Joseph L. Rebak for Commercial Litigation
- Andrew S. Robins for Leisure and Hospitality, Real Estate Law
- Lawrence P. Rochefort for Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Real Estate
- Stephen K. Roddenberry for Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers and

Acquisitions Law, Private Funds/Hedge Funds
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- Francisco A. Rodriguez for International Arbitration – Commercial
- Carl D. Roston for Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law
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- Robert J. Smith for Construction Law
- Andrew M. Smulian for Real Estate Law
- David I. Spector for Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Labor and Employment
- William S. Spencer for Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, Litigation – Real Estate
- William J. Spratt, Jr. for Health Care Law
- Glen A. Stankee for Litigation and Controversy – Tax, Tax Law

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- Brian Tague for Real Estate Law
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