

Press Release

Akerman's Latin America & the Caribbean Practice Recognized by *Chambers Global* 2014

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that *Chambers Global* has once again recognized the firm's Latin America & the Caribbean Practice as among the best in International Arbitration: Latin America-wide. Akerman lawyers representing the firm's strengths in corporate M&A, international arbitration and international trade also continue to be singled out as leaders in their fields.

The 2014 edition of the *Chambers Global Guide* ranked Luis A. Perez, co-chair of Akerman's Latin America & the Caribbean Practice, and Luis M. O'Naghten, chair of the firm's International Litigation & Arbitration Practice, as leading lawyers in International Arbitration across Latin America. Carlos Méndez-Peñate, co-chair of Akerman's Latin America & the Caribbean Practice was recognized in the category Corporate/M&A in Latin America as well. Additionally, Felipe Berer was highlighted as a leader in International Trade in both the U.S. and Brazil markets.

Chambers Latin America recently ranked Akerman's Latin America & the Caribbean Practice with the same distinction in International Arbitration. The team also was recognized nationally in the 2014 edition of *U.S. News – Best Lawyers* for International

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Akerman's Latin America & the Caribbean Practice includes lawyers experienced in representing multinational clients on a wide range of cross-border mergers & acquisitions, joint ventures, securities offerings, syndicated and secured lending transactions, project financings, and debt restructurings, as well as complex construction and other international disputes. The team also is experienced in representing global companies in connection with establishing and developing their U.S. presence as well as managing their Latin American operations. Akerman lawyers have spent years working in Latin America and the Caribbean and are familiar with the legal, regulatory and cultural systems of countries in the region.