

Press Release

Akerman Senterfitt to Present Inaugural ALM U.S. Latin America Legal Summit

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Firm Partners with Leading Legal News Provider to Host Summit on Timely Cross-Border Legal and Corporate Issues Impacting U.S. and Latin American Businesses

Akerman Senterfitt today announced that it will partner with ALM, publisher of *The American Lawyer*, *Corporate Counsel*, *Focus Latin America* and the *Daily Business Review*, to present the inaugural ‘U.S. Latin America Legal Summit,’ a gathering of senior executives from across the Americas including general counsel and compliance officers from Fortune 500 and Latin 500 companies, as well as business owners and other key stakeholders navigating the recent increase in cross-border activity in the region.

Summit attendees will meet at The Ritz-Carlton Coconut Grove on October 30, 2013 to engage in peer-to-peer discussions on the most challenging issues affecting business across the U.S. and Latin America. Discussion themes will include: overcoming obstacles to conducting business in the region, navigating regulatory and compliance issues, resolving international disputes, seizing new business and trade opportunities, and financing transactions. Summit speakers also will explore the role of Miami as a critical platform for international investment and a burgeoning hub for arbitration and dispute resolution.

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“Akerman clients doing business across the Americas tell us that as they expand into the region’s many countries, they need a law firm that is fully engaged in the region to serve as an effective ally and to watch over their affairs,” said Luis A. Perez, co-chair of Akerman’s Latin America & the Caribbean Practice. “Our clients look to Akerman to provide market-conscious legal knowledge and experience on the very topics we will discuss at the Latin America Summit. We are pleased to partner with ALM to present this timely event.”

Akerman will serve as co-chair and sole presenting sponsor of the Latin America Law Summit with the firm’s lawyers collaborating with ALM to design the content of the event and recruit faculty for the Summit. Carlos Méndez-Peñate, co-chair of Akerman’s Latin America & the Caribbean Practice, also serves as an editorial advisor to ALM’s second edition of *Focus Latin America* magazine, a chronicle of the business of law in Latin America, which will publish after the Summit to encourage broader discussion.

The U.S. Latin America Legal Summit is one of a series of ALM Summits exploring the legal and financial landscapes in the Americas. The inaugural Latin America event is modeled after ALM’s annual Focus Europe and Focus Asia Summits which are attended by hundreds of industry leaders each year. More details about the Summit, including a complete agenda and a full list of speakers, will be available soon.

About Akerman Senterfitt

Akerman is a leading transactions and trial law firm known for its core strengths in middle market M&A, within the financial services and real estate industries, and for a diverse Latin America practice. With more than 550 lawyers and government affairs professionals and a network of 19 offices, it is ranked among the top 100 law firms in the United States by *The National Law Journal* NLJ 350 (2013). Akerman also is ranked among the top 100 law firms for

diversity by *MultiCultural Law* magazine (2012) and recognized as the Law Firm of the Year for Diversity – South by *Benchmark Litigation* (2012). More information can be found at akerman.com or twitter.com/akerman_law.

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