

Press Release

# *The National Law Journal* Ranks Akerman Among Top 50 U.S. Firms for Female Lawyers

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, continues to stand out as one of the best law firms for female lawyers. *The National Law Journal* ranked the firm 40th in the United States on its inaugural Women In Law Scorecard, based on the percentage of female lawyers firm wide and within the partnership ranks.

*Law360* recently distinguished Akerman as one of the top 10 BigLaw firms that are taking active efforts to achieve greater gender parity. According to its [2016 Glass Ceiling report](#), Akerman continues to outperform the industry average, with women comprising nearly 40 percent of its total lawyers. For at least three years, Akerman has outpaced the industry average for the number of female partners promoted.

Akerman is at the forefront of innovative diversity and inclusion practices. It was one of the first national law firms to join the OnRamp Fellowship, a pilot program for experienced women lawyers returning to practice after an extended hiatus. Last week, Akerman was among only nine teams to participate in the inaugural Women in Law Hackathon, a SharkTank style pitch competition created by the Diversity Lab in collaboration with Stanford Law School and Bloomberg Law. The program brought legal leaders from across the

country together to generate innovative ideas that can help retain and advance experienced women in the legal profession.

### **About Akerman LLP**

Akerman LLP 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 600 lawyers and government affairs professionals and a network of 20 offices, it is ranked among the top 100 law firms in the United States by *The American Lawyer* (2016). Akerman also is ranked among the top 60 law firms for diversity in *The American Lawyer's* Diversity Scorecard (2016).