

Press Release

# Akerman Once Again Recognized Among Top Law Firms by *Chambers USA*

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Legal Guide Awards Top Honors to Firm's Corporate, M&A, Private Equity, Real Estate and Insurance Practices

The 2014 edition of the *Chambers USA* Guide, which lists leading law firms and lawyers in an extensive range of practice areas throughout each region, awarded Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, high rankings in 14 practice areas. The publication also ranked 57 Akerman lawyers representing 20 practice areas across the U.S.

Akerman's core practices in Corporate/M&A & Private Equity, Real Estate and Insurance once again received top honors in Florida — a distinction held by the firm's Corporate Practice Group for more than a decade. Other firm practices ranked by *Chambers USA* include Antitrust; Banking & Finance; Bankruptcy & Restructuring; Construction; Environment; Healthcare; Labor & Employment; Litigation: General Commercial; Real Estate; Zoning/Land Use, and Tax.

The number of Akerman lawyers recognized by *Chambers USA* increased by 26 percent in four years, which underscores the firm's growing distinction in a number of key sectors. In addition to the practices mentioned, Akerman lawyers were

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## Related Work

Antitrust and Trade  
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ranked in areas including: Leisure & Hospitality (National); Banking & Finance: Transactional (Florida); Litigation: Appellate (Florida); Tax: State & Local (Florida), among others. With the accelerated growth of Akerman's Alcohol Beverage Industry Practice, the firm also received its first national ranking in the Food & Beverages: Alcohol category.

The *Chambers USA* Guide is part of a series of *Chambers & Partners* research-based guides to the legal profession. They rank the leading law firms and lawyers in an extensive range of practice areas throughout each region.

A collective list of the 57 Akerman lawyers recognized by *Chambers USA* includes:

**Antitrust (Florida)**

Lawrence D. Silverman

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Entitlements  
Healthcare  
Insurance Litigation  
Labor and Employment  
Land Use and  
Development  
Litigation  
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**Labor & Employment (Florida)**

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Scott T. Silverman  
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Richard D. Tuschman  
Jennifer T. Williams

**Leisure & Hospitality (National)**

Andrew S. Robins

**Litigation: Appellate (Florida)**

Gerald B. Cope Jr.  
Katherine Eastmoore Giddings

**Litigation: General Commercial (Florida)**

Joseph E. ('Ed') Foster  
William P. Heller  
David I. Spector

**Real Estate (Florida)**

Richard Bezold

Manuel A. Fernandez  
Theresa M. McLaughlin  
Eric D. Rapkin  
Janice L. Russell  
Andrew M. Smulian  
Brian Tague  
Susanne Zabloudil (Up and Coming)

**Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use (Florida)**

Cecelia Bonifay  
Neisen Kasdin

**Tax (Florida)**

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Donald K. Duffy  
Russell B. Hale  
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**Tax: Employee Benefits (Florida)**

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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 National Law Journal* NLJ 350 (2013). Akerman also is ranked among the top 50 law firms for diversity in *The American Lawyer's* Diversity Scorecard (2013). More information can be found at [akerman.com](http://akerman.com) or [twitter.com/akerman\\_law](https://twitter.com/akerman_law).