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Press Release

U.S. News - Best Lawyers Ranks Akerman Among 'Best Law Firms' Nationally with Record Number of Tier I Rankings

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Firm Again Achieves Top Rankings Nationally in Corporate, Real Estate, and Litigation Practice Areas

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* has once again recognized the firm among the "Best Law Firms" in the United States. The publication awarded Akerman with a record 34 national practice rankings, recognizing the work of Akerman's Corporate, Real Estate, and Litigation teams, among others. The firm increased its national Tier 1 rankings to 13 practice areas, including Corporate, Real Estate, Construction, Land Use & Zoning, Securities Regulation, Health Care and Trusts & Estates Law; and six areas of commercial and financial litigation.

Akerman received 83 Tier 1 rankings in total, including numerous Tier 1 Metropolitan Area rankings that recognize the firm's strength in key business centers throughout the nation.

The *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* rankings are based on overall firm performance, client feedback and peer recognition derived from 5.5 million evaluations from across the United States. The rankings follow the recently released 2016 version of *The Best Lawyers in America* list, which recognizes the top 4

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percent of practicing lawyers in the nation. The firm once again achieved impressive results with 140 Akerman lawyers named to the 2016 list in 62 areas of law across the United States.

A list of the Akerman practices ranked nationally by *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* include:

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For a list of Akerman practices ranked by metropolitan area, please <u>click here</u>.

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* (2015). Akerman also is ranked among the top 50 law firms for diversity in *The American Lawyer*'s Diversity Scorecard (2015).