

Press Release

142 Akerman Lawyers Named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2015 Guide

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that 142 of its lawyers located throughout the U.S. have been named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2015 list in 61 areas of law. Additionally, *Best Lawyers* named 11 Akerman partners to the 2015 *Lawyer of the Year* list, an honor given to only one lawyer per practice area in every major market in the United States.

Among this year's Best Lawyers of the Year honorees are Michael I. Goldberg in Fort Lauderdale for Litigation- Bankruptcy and Timothy J. McDermott in Jacksonville for Litigation - Banking & Finance. In Miami, Jonathan L. Awner was named for Securities/Capital Markets Law, Teddy D. Klinghoffer for Corporate Compliance Law and Stephen K. Roddenberry for Mergers & Acquisitions. For Orlando, the honorees are: Charles T. Brumback Jr. for Banking and Finance Law; Jules S. Cohen for Bankruptcy & Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency & Reorganization Law; Robyn D. Neely for Environmental Law, and Virginia B. Townes for Litigation - Banking & Finance. In Tallahassee, the 2015 Best Lawyers of the Year include Silvia M. Alderman for Litigation - Environmental and Katherine Eastmoore Giddings for Appellate Practice.

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The annual *Best Lawyers* list and *Lawyer of the Year* designation are based on peer-review surveys, in which more than 36,000 leading lawyers cast nearly 4.4 million votes on the legal abilities of other legal professionals in their practice areas.

Individual Lawyer Rankings

- [Silvia M. Alderman](#) for Environmental Law, Litigation - Environmental
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