

Press Release

Akerman's Litigation Practice Recognized Among Best in the United States by *Benchmark Litigation*

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that the firm has been recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* among the best law firms in the United States and among a select group of standout law firms with multi-state litigation capabilities. This recognition is accompanied by “highly recommended” and “recommended” rankings in Florida and Virginia, respectively. Individually, seven Akerman litigators were recognized as “local litigation stars” by the guide.

Akerman lawyers were named local litigation stars in the General Commercial category, including [William Heller](#), chair of the Consumer Finance Litigation & Compliance Practice Group; [Brian Miller](#), chair of the Securities Litigation Practice; and [Lawrence Rochefort](#), chair of the Litigation Practice Group, as well as Partners [Katherine Giddings](#), [Stephen Hurlbut](#), [Michael Marsh](#) and James Miller. In addition, Heller and Brian Miller were honored in the Securities category; Hurlbut was recognized in the Construction category. Giddings also was distinguished in the Appellate category after recently being named among the Top 250 U.S. Women in Litigation for the fourth consecutive year.

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are the result of annual independent research that involves extensive interviews with private practice lawyers and in-house counsel. The guide's "local litigation stars" reflect lawyers who are recommended by peers and clients to have established consistent reputations as trial lawyers.

Clients interviewed by *Benchmark Litigation* said:

"Akerman's resources and dedication to service are second to none... You don't get that very often with a firm of Akerman's size."

"This is a firm with outstanding listening skills coupled with excellent legal skills both in and out of the courtroom on a nationwide basis. [They are] one of the finest in tactical legal strategy analysis to finalize, document, and collect on various types of legal actions... this is an outstanding team of professionals who care deeply about their clients."

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).

Akerman's Litigation Practice Group is recognized nationally by *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* in the Commercial Litigation and Appellate categories, among others. The firm's team has vast experience in a wide range of civil and criminal litigation and appeals, including actions involving banking, securities, healthcare, insurance, real estate and construction.