

Press Release

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Names Akerman's Palash Pandya a 2015 Fellow

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced Palash Pandya, a partner with the firm's Corporate Practice Group in the New York office, has been nominated by the firm and selected to participate in the 2015 Fellows Program of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD).

"Akerman is pleased to once again partner with the LCLD Fellows Program, an initiative that has championed diversity by selecting talented lawyers like Palash, who embody Akerman's ideals of leadership, loyalty and generosity to our clients and our many communities. We congratulate Palash on this singular honor," said Andrew Smulian, Akerman Chairman and CEO.

Launched in 2011, the LCLD Fellows Program is a highly structured initiative built to increase diversity at the leadership levels of the nation's law firms and corporate legal departments. Over the course of the yearlong program, participants will be challenged to improve their professional brand, build relationships that enhance professional development, participate in corporate learning experiences and sharpen stewardship and leadership skills.

Pandya advises public and private companies in a variety of corporate, securities and mergers and

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acquisitions transactions. He represents issuers and underwriters in public and private offerings of equity and debt securities, including initial public offerings, registered direct offerings, Rule 144A debt offerings, and deals based on Private Investment in Private Equity, also known as PIPE transactions. He also advises corporate clients in public and private mergers and acquisitions, tender offers and general corporate matters. Pandya is the deputy chair of Akerman's Diversity and Inclusion Committee and he sits on the board of directors of the South Asian Bar Association of New York.

According to LCLD President Robert J. Grey Jr., the LCLD Fellows Program offers participants “an extraordinarily rich year of relationship-building, virtual and in-person training, peer-group projects, and extensive contact with LCLD's top leadership.”

LCLD is a national organization of more than 220 corporate chief legal officers, in-house general counsel and law firm managing partners, who are personally committed to creating a truly diverse legal profession. The LCLD Fellows Program, which has trained more than 600 mid-career attorneys since 2011, is one of LCLD's most important initiatives. Other programs include a national mentoring initiative serving more than 2,000 mentors and mentees, a 1L Scholars program involving more than 200 first-year law students, and special programming for members through Continuing Legal Education (CLE) presentations and other platforms. For more information on the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, please visit www.lclldnet.org.

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States by *The National Law Journal* NLJ 350 (2014). Akerman also is ranked among the top 50 law firms for diversity in *The American Lawyer's* Diversity Scorecard (2014).