

Press Release

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

May 27, 2016

1:00 AM UTC

Firm Awarded Highest Honors in Corporate, M&A, Private Equity, Real Estate and Insurance Law

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, continues to earn high rankings in leading legal guide *Chambers & Partners* as one of the nation's most prominent law firms in middle market mergers and acquisitions, and within the financial services and real estate sectors. The 2016 edition of *Chambers USA Guide* recognized the firm in 13 practice areas. The publication also honored 55 Akerman lawyers representing 20 practice areas.

Akerman lawyers achieved rankings in the nationwide Leisure & Hospitality and Litigation: E-Discovery categories. They also garnered New York, Virginia and Texas rankings in Environment, Construction and Bankruptcy/Restructuring, respectively. In addition, the firm expanded its Illinois rankings to include Corporate/M&A & Private Equity, Healthcare, Tax and Tax: Controversy.

For another consecutive year, the firm's Corporate/M&A & Private Equity, Real Estate and Insurance Practices received top honors in Florida — a distinction held by the firm's Corporate Practice Group for more than a decade. Other firm practices

Related People

Silvia M. Alderman
Marcy Levine Aldrich
William C. Arnhols
Jonathan L. Awner
Stacy Bercun Bohm
Richard Bezold
David C. Blum
Jules S. Cohen
Gerald B. Cope, Jr.
T. Spencer Crowley III
Kirk S. Davis
Jeffrey G. Gilmore
Michael I. Goldberg
William P. Heller
Stephen B. Hurlbut
Neisen O. Kasdin
Teddy D. Klinghoffer
Peter O. Larsen
Richard G. Leland
Jason S. Lichtstein
Theresa M. McLaughlin
Robyn D. Neely
David W. Parham
E. Paul Quinn
Eric D. Rapkin
Andrew S. Robins
Stephen K. Roddenberry
Carl D. Roston
Peter E. Salomon
Scott T. Silverman

ranked in Florida by *Chambers USA* include: Antitrust; Banking & Finance; Bankruptcy & Restructuring; Construction; Environment; Healthcare; Labor & Employment; Litigation: General Commercial; Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use; and Tax.

In addition to recognition received as a leading U.S. law firm, Akerman maintained distinction in *Chambers'* latest Latin America and Global editions. Both guides once again recognized Akerman's Latin America & the Caribbean Practice among the best in International Arbitration: Latin America-wide. Akerman also is the sole U.S. law firm ranked in the Cuba: Corporate/Commercial category by *Chambers Latin America* for law firms based abroad. The milestone recognition makes Akerman one of only four law firms in the world to be distinguished in this category.

Along with its Global and Latin America editions, the *Chambers USA Guide* is part of a series of Chambers & Partners research-based publications for the legal profession. The annual rankings identify leading law firms and lawyers in an extensive range of practice areas throughout each region.

A collective list of the 54 Akerman lawyers recognized by *Chambers USA* includes:

Antitrust

Lawrence D. Silverman (Florida)

Banking & Finance: Transactional

William C. Arnholds (Florida)

Bankruptcy/Restructuring

Jacob A. Brown (Florida)

Jules S. Cohen (Florida)

Michael I. Goldberg (Florida)

John B. Macdonald (Florida)

John E. Mitchell (Texas)

David W. Parham (Texas)

Related Work

Appellate

Bankruptcy and
Reorganization

Class Action Defense

Construction

Consumer Financial
Services, Data and
Technology (CFS+)

Corporate

Corporate Finance and
Lending

eDiscovery Services

Employee Benefits and
Executive
Compensation

Environment and
Natural Resources

Environmental Litigation

Financial Institutions
Commercial Litigation

Healthcare

Immigration Planning
and Compliance

Insurance Litigation

Labor and Employment

Land Use and
Development

Litigation

M&A and Private Equity

State and Local Tax
Consulting

State and Local Tax
Litigation and
Controversy

Tax

Construction

Kimberly A. Ashby (Florida)
Stacy Bercun Bohm (Florida)
Donald G. Gavin (Virginia)
Jeffrey G. Gilmore (Virginia)
Stephen B. Hurlbut (Virginia)

Corporate/M&A & Private Equity

Jonathan L. Awner (Florida)
Teddy D. Klinghoffer (Florida)
E. Paul Quinn (Illinois)
Stephen K. Roddenberry (Florida)
Carl D. Roston (Florida)

Environment

Silvia M. Alderman (Florida)
Richard G. Leland (New York)
Jason S. Lichtstein (Florida)
Robyn D. Neely (Florida)

Healthcare

Kirk S. Davis (Florida)
Jane K. McCahill (Illinois)
William J. Spratt (Florida)

Insurance

Marcy Levine Aldrich (Florida)

Labor & Employment

James S. Bramnick (Florida)
Karen M. Buesing (Florida)
Scott T. Silverman (Florida)

Leisure & Hospitality

Andrew S. Robins (National)

Litigation: Appellate

Gerald B. Cope Jr. (Florida)
Katherine Eastmoore Giddings (Florida)

Litigation: E-Discovery

Martin T. Tully (National)

Litigation: General Commercial

Joseph E. ('Ed') Foster (Florida)

William P. Heller (Florida)

David I. Spector (Florida)

Real Estate

Richard Bezold (Florida)

Manuel A. Fernandez (Florida)

Theresa M. McLaughlin (Florida)

Eric D. Rapkin (Florida)

Janice L. Russell (Florida)

Andrew M. Smulian (Florida)

Brian Tague (Florida)

Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use

Cecelia Bonifay (Florida)

Spencer Crowley (Florida)

Neisen O. Kasdin (Florida)

Tax

David C. Blum (Illinois)

Donald K. Duffy (Florida)

Russell B. Hale (Florida)

Henry H. Raattama (Florida)

Tax: Controversy

David C. Blum (Illinois)

Tax: Employee Benefits

Richard T. Hurt (Florida)

Peter E. Salomon (Florida)

Tax: State and Local

Russell B. Hale (Florida)

Peter O. Larsen (Florida)

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* (2016). Akerman also is ranked among the top 60 law firms for diversity in *The American Lawyer's* Diversity Scorecard (2016).