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# *National Law Journal* Highlights Akerman Among First National Firms to Serve Legal Medical Marijuana Industry

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In an story titled, “Cannabis Quandary for Firms,” *The National Law Journal* referenced Akerman as one of the first national law firms to form a skilled team in the legal medical marijuana industry. The Akerman Regulated Substances Task Force was formed in response to the “Charlotte’s Web” bill passed by the Florida Legislature, legalizing a non-euphoric marijuana extract. The task force aggregated Akerman’s extensive experience with regulated substances to help clients navigate the new laws that regulate and reshape this emerging industry. The publication also quoted Richard Spees, chair of Akerman’s Government Affairs & Public Policy Practice Group and Washington, D.C., Office Managing Partner. As a member of the Akerman Task Force, Spees discussed the firm’s vetting process and thoughtful approach to clients seeking to enter the legal medical marijuana industry.

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