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# Akerman Real Estate Practice Group Ranked Among Top 5 Globally

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that it was again distinguished for the size and reach of its Real Estate Practice Group by a leading industry publication. *Law360* recognized the firm for having one of the largest real estate practice groups in the United States and globally, ranking fifth on the annual "Real Estate 100" list, which ranks the top 100 law firms by number of real estate partners.

"Our top-five ranking reflects Akerman's formidable team of commercial real estate lawyers providing legal services to clients in major U.S. markets and across the Americas," said Richard Bezold, chair of Akerman's Real Estate Practice Group. "We are known for advising clients in complex real estate transactions and disputes, as well as in large-scale development projects. With a major presence in key markets where our clients need us the most, we remain committed to delivering our services in new ways that provide even greater value as part of the Akerman Client Experience."

*Law360*'s Real Estate 100 list is based on partner headcount data from 300 U.S.-based law firms, including the largest 200 firms in the country. Lawyers are evaluated based on the size of their practice in the areas of real estate dispositions and acquisitions, development and construction, finance, litigation, tax, REITs, zoning and land use.

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Earlier this month, Akerman earned national distinction for the second year as a "Tier One" law firm for Real Estate Law and "Law Firm of the Year" in Litigation - Real Estate by *U.S. News - Best Lawyers*. Akerman's real estate team was also honored with national rankings in the areas of Construction Law, Litigation - Construction, and Land Use & Zoning Law.

**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 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).

The Akerman Real Estate Practice Group offers comprehensive and fully integrated project counsel services to clients across the United States and in Latin America. With substantial industry experience and prominent local presence, Akerman represents clients in complex real estate transactions and financings, development and redevelopment projects, public private initiatives and litigation. The group advises investors, developers, builders, lenders, retailers, owners and corporate end users, often in high profile matters.