

Press Release

# Akerman Once Again Top Ranked in Middle Market M&A by *The Legal 500*

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Firm Lawyers Across the United States Named Among Best in M&A, Real Estate, Land use, Construction and Immigration Law

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that it has once again been ranked by *The Legal 500* as a first tier law firm for mergers and acquisitions in the M&A: Middle Market (Sub-\$500 Million) category. Akerman is one of only 11 firms in the United States to maintain this distinction.

Akerman lawyers in the Corporate and M&A practices also were singled out as the best in their field by the Guide: Mary Carroll, chair of the Corporate Practice Group; [Martin Burkett](#) and [Carl Roston](#), co-chairs of the Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity Practice; and partners [Jonathan Awner](#), [Arturo Banegas Masiá](#), [Felipe Berer](#), [Teddy Klinghoffer](#), [Andres Mendoza](#), and [Stephen Roddenberry](#). Roston also was once again honored among The Legal 500 “Leading Lawyers”, an elite list recognizing outstanding lawyers nationwide.

In addition to the M&A ranking, Akerman was recognized for the fifth consecutive year in three categories within Real Estate and Construction: Construction, Land Use/Zoning, and Real Estate, as well as in Labor and Employment – Immigration.

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In total, 20 Akerman lawyers were recommended in their practice areas based on client and peer recognitions. The lawyers and the categories in which they are honored are listed below.

### **Labor and Employment – Immigration**

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### **M&A: Middle Market (Sub-\$500 Million)**

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### **Real Estate and Construction – Construction**

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More details on the survey's methodology, along with Akerman's rankings, are available on *The Legal 500* website.

### **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).