

Press Release

The American Lawyer Ranks Akerman Higher Among Top 100 U.S. Law Firms

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Akerman LLP continues to advance among the nation's leading U.S. law firms recognized in *The American Lawyer's* 2018 "Am Law 100" list, an annual measure of the top-grossing law firms. Akerman rose three spots to 94, following seven consecutive years of strategic growth and record results for clients.

In fiscal 2017, revenues reached an all-time high in Akerman's 98-year history, rising nearly 11 percent. Headcount also increased to its highest level with more than 700 lawyers and business professionals across 24 U.S. markets. Rising client demand led Akerman's sustained growth last year across several business centers, particularly Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami and New York.

"I am very pleased with what our people have achieved together, but I am most proud of all we have accomplished for clients in many significant transactions and disputes across the United States and Latin America," said David Spector, Akerman's chairman and CEO. "The quality of our relationships with clients and each other is the foundation of our continuing growth."

Akerman's year-over-year performance reflects its position among national market leaders. Praised for innovations that meet evolving client needs and address market disruptions, Akerman earned its third consecutive ranking by *Financial Times* as one

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of North America's most innovative law firms in the areas of the business of law, legal expertise and access to justice. The distinct honor is a testament to the firm's established capabilities that have been recognized across other prominent legal and business guides in the United States and globally.

Most recently, Akerman received top rankings for its core strengths in corporate transactions and disputes within the financial services, insurance and real estate sectors. The firm ranked no. 1 among the top 10 law firms representing Fortune 1000 companies in the financial services and insurance sectors according to *Corporate Counsel's 2018 list* of firms representing America's biggest companies. *PitchBook* also ranked Akerman among the most active U.S. law firms for middle market M&A.

The firm continues to be a leader in diversity and inclusion with recognition as a champion of workplace equality. For the fourth year in a row, Akerman received a perfect 100 percent score in the 2018 Corporate Equality Index (CEI). In addition, Akerman was recognized by *Law360* as one of the top five U.S. law firms for Hispanic lawyers, as well as by *The American Lawyer* as one of the top 40 U.S. law firms for female partners.

About Akerman

Akerman LLP is a top 100 U.S. law firm recognized by *Financial Times* as among the most forward thinking firms in the industry. Its more than 700 lawyers and business professionals collaborate with the world's most successful enterprises and entrepreneurs to navigate change, seize opportunities, and overcome barriers to innovation and growth. Akerman is known for its results in middle market M&A and complex disputes, and for helping clients achieve their most important business objectives in the financial services, real estate, and other dynamic sectors across the United States and Latin America.