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Akerman Grows Core M&A Strengths with Veteran Partner Ted Rosen in New York

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Firm Furthers U.S. Middle Market Capabilities for M&A, Private Equity Clients

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today furthered its national M&A and Private Equity Practice with experienced corporate partner Ted Rosen in New York. Involved in complex transactions for more than three decades, Rosen joins the Corporate Practice Group, after he served as administrative partner for the New York Corporate and Public Companies Practices of a national law firm, as well as its co-chair of the Private Equity Practice Group. Rosen advances Akerman's longstanding capabilities dedicated to mergers and acquisitions, private equity funds, international transactions and venture capital transactions.

"Ted is highly regarded for his consummate ability to meet client objectives in complex transactions and he adds tremendous strength to our national M&A and Private Equity team," said <u>Carl Roston</u>, co-chair of Akerman's Corporate Practice Group.

"With 30-plus years of experience as a sophisticated deal lawyer, Ted furthers our national commitment to the middle market and enhances our ability to serve clients nationwide," said <u>Jonathan Awner</u>, cochair of Akerman's Corporate Practice Group.

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Rosen counsels large, established and emerging growth companies and private equity funds in mergers, management buyouts, recapitalizations, roll-ups, and growth strategies, as well as in matters related to structuring, organization, governance, financing, employment and compensation. He also advises clients on the development, protection, licensing and distribution of their products, technologies and services.

Rosen has also represented public companies in SEC reporting and compliance matters, private and public companies in registered and unregistered equity and debt financing transactions, public and private targets and acquirers in mergers and acquisitions, and, public companies in corporate governance and related matters, including initial and continued listing matters.

Rosen represents the newest addition to the national Corporate Practice Group and the firm's New York team. Akerman's second largest office, it has grown to more than 100 lawyers in the last two years. Since January, the office also has welcomed Robert Stein as co-chair of the firm's Corporate Finance and Lending Practice. Together, Rosen and Stein expand Akerman's transactional strengths for clients across the nation's foremost business centers.

About Akerman

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The Akerman Corporate Practice Group advises public and private companies, including private equity funds, on M&A, capital markets transactions, financings, and other transactional matters, with a strong focus on the middle market. Akerman is topranked nationally for mergers, acquisitions and buyouts: middle market by The Legal 500 and is recognized as a leading U.S. law firm by *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* for corporate, M&A, private equity, securities/capital markets, securities regulation and banking and finance law, and is listed in *PitchBook* league tables as among the most active law firms in the United States for M&A deals.