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Akerman Welcomes Trusts and Estates Partner Stacey Prince-Troutman to Orlando Office

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced the continuing expansion of its national Tax Practice Group with the addition of experienced trusts and estates partner Stacey Prince-Troutman in the Orlando, Fla., office. Prince-Troutman enhances Akerman's significant experience in trusts and estates planning for individuals, families, trustees and foundations. She also furthers the firm's ties in the business and legal community as a member of the Florida Probate Rules Committee.

"Clients and peers respect Stacey for providing outstanding representation in the structuring of efficient and creative wealth preservation and accumulation strategies," said Jonathan Gopman, chair of Akerman's Trusts and Estates Practice. "Her arrival strengthens our capabilities as trusted client advisors across diverse markets."

"Stacey represents another wonderful addition to the Orlando office, as we continue to focus on providing an exceptional client experience through the combined strengths of a diverse group of talented lawyers," said Charles Brumback, Orlando office managing partner. "In Orlando and nationwide, we are committed to making Akerman a place where clients benefit from a diversity of ideas and

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experiences essential to advancing their goals as well as our culture of collaborative innovation.”

Prince-Troutman represents individuals and families in probate, trusts and estates and transfer tax controversy matters and has significant experience working with business owners and professional athletes. She focuses her practice on administering estates and trusts, planning for wealth transfer and transfer tax minimization, preparing gift and estate tax returns, drafting sophisticated estate plan documents, drafting documents related to the formation, management and succession of closely held entities, wealth preservation planning, and forming and obtaining tax exempt-status for 501(c)(3) charitable organizations.

Prince-Troutman joins one of the nation’s leading tax teams, according to *Law360*. Active in the community and the profession, Prince-Troutman is a past member of the board of directors for the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida and frequently speaks on asset protection and estate planning.

In addition to Prince-Troutman, the Orlando office has recently welcomed corporate finance veteran William Barnes and experienced land use lawyer Tara Gould. Other additions in the past year include litigators Terron Clark and Monica McNulty, as well as real estate lawyers Cindy Campbell and Raymond Hernandez.

Prince-Troutman joins one of the best workplaces in Central Florida, according to the *Orlando Sentinel’s* Top 100 Companies list. Akerman’s Orlando office includes nearly 60 lawyers and is top-ranked by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers* in 15 practice areas, including banking and finance, commercial litigation and real estate among others.

In recognition of its civic and charitable efforts, Akerman’s Orlando team has received several distinct honors, including as the inaugural recipient

of the *Orlando Business Journal's* Corporate Philanthropy Award in the Pro Bono category, the Orange County Bar Association Legal Aid Society's highest law firm award and the Champions for Children award by Florida's Children First. Most recently, Akerman was honored as the first law firm to receive the "Corporate Ally of the Year" award by the Metropolitan Business Association of Orlando (MBA Orlando), Central Florida's LGBT Chamber of Commerce.

About Akerman

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Akerman's Tax Practice Group advises domestic and foreign corporations, partnerships, individuals and nonprofit institutions on a wide range of international, federal and state and local tax issues, tax audits and tax litigation. The group represents clients in complex transactions and creates tax efficient structures and innovative solutions. Akerman also provides tax planning services associated with in-bound and out-bound investments in Latin America and the Caribbean, and serves as counsel to foreign companies and individual investors looking to do business in the United States.