

Press Release

218 Akerman Lawyers Across the United States Named to 2018 *Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars* Lists

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, and today announced nearly one-third of its lawyers were named to *Super Lawyers*. The 2018 edition of *Super Lawyers* Magazine recognized 218 professionals, including 83 Rising Stars.

In Florida, Partners [David Ackerman](#) and Katherine Giddings were named to the Top 100 Florida Super Lawyers and Top 50 Florida Women Super Lawyers lists, respectively. Los Angeles Partner [Jeffrey Horton Thomas](#) was named to the Top 100 Southern California Super Lawyers, and [Alyson Blatney](#) in Dallas was named to the Top 100 Texas Up and Comers and Top 50 Texas Women Up and Comers lists.

Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding U.S. lawyers who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The resource serves as a guide for general counsel and Fortune 1000 executives in charge of making legal hiring decisions.

The lawyers and the categories in which they are honored are listed below.

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Super Lawyers 2018

Michelle Lee Flores, Employment & Labor

Jeffrey S. Horton Thomas, Employment Litigation:
Defense

Caroline H. Mankey, Intellectual Property Litigation

Rising Stars 2018

Marissa Hurwitz Alguire, Employment & Labor

Evan F. Anderson, Consumer Law

Preston K. Ascherin, Consumer Law

Katalina Baumann, Consumer Law

Zoe J. Bekas, Employment & Labor

Jade M. Brewster, Employment Litigation: Defense

Steven P. Gallagher, Employment Litigation: Defense

Parisa Jassim, Consumer Law

Stefanie A. Schiff, Civil Litigation: Defense

Robert R. Yap, Civil Litigation: Defense

Colorado – Denver

Rising Stars 2018

Melissa L. Cizmorris, Appellate

Jamie Z. Roth, Business Litigation

Florida – Fort Lauderdale

Super Lawyers 2018

Stacy Bercun Bohm, Construction Litigation:
Business

Mary V. Carroll, Mergers & Acquisitions

Andrew P. Gold, Business Litigation

Michael I. Goldberg, Bankruptcy: Business

William P. Heller, Business Litigation

D. Brett Marks, Bankruptcy: Business

Jason S. Oletsky, Business Litigation

Eric D. Rapkin, Real Estate: Business

Edward Ristaino, Business/Corporate

Glen A. Stankee, Tax: Business

Rising Stars 2018

Eyal Berger, Creditor Debtor Rights: Business

Elan Hersh, Class Action/Mass Torts

Trevor C. Jones, Class Action/Mass Torts

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Business

Sarah Lis, Employment Litigation: Defense

Tamara Savin Malvin, Business Litigation

Max C. Rudolf, Class Action/Mass Torts

Ashley A. Sawyer, Business Litigation

Florida – Jacksonville

Super Lawyers 2018

Jacob A. Brown, Bankruptcy: Business

Cindy A. Laquidara, State, Local, & Municipal

Peter O. Larsen, Tax: Business

John B. Macdonald, Creditor Debtor Rights: Business

Timothy J. McDermott, General Litigation

David Evan Otero, Bankruptcy: Business

Rising Stars 2018

Christian P. George, Business Litigation

Allison M. Stocker, Business Litigation

Florida – Miami

Super Lawyers 2018

Marcy Levine Aldrich, Class Action/Mass Torts

Jacqueline M. Arango, Business Litigation

Jonathan L. Awner, Mergers & Acquisitions

Richard Bezold, Real Estate: Business

James S. Bramnick, Employment & Labor

Christopher S. Carver, Business Litigation

Robert I. Chaskes, Business Litigation

Dana Clayton, Business Litigation

Gerald B. Cope, Jr., Appellate

Nancy A. Copperthwaite, Appellate

L. Frank Cordero, Tax: Business

Carol L. Schoffel Faber, Real Estate: Business

Pedro A. Freyre, Business/Corporate

Joanne Gelfand, Bankruptcy: Business

Andrea S. Hartley, Bankruptcy: Business

Elizabeth M. Hernandez, State, Local, & Municipal

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Jeffrey A. Kern, Estate Planning & Probate

Teddy Klinghoffer, Business/Corporate

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Brian Tague, Real Estate: Business

Rising Stars 2018

Daniel Cardenal, Consumer Law
Daniel P. Faust, Real Estate: Business
Melissa Fernandez-Stiers, Land Use/Zoning
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Ross E. Linzer, Class Action/Mass Torts
Michael O. Mena, Business Litigation
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Lorayne Perez, Business Litigation
Ryan Roman, Business Litigation
Naim S. Surgeon, Business Litigation
Ilana Tabacinic, International
Steven J. Wernick, Land Use/Zoning
Forton H. Wimbush, Jr., Consumer Law

Florida – Naples

Super Lawyers 2018

Joe B. Cox, Estate Planning & Probate
Jonathan E. Gopman, Estate Planning & Probate

Florida – Orlando

Super Lawyers 2018

Cecelia Bonifay, Land Use/Zoning
Charles T. Brumbach, Jr., Banking
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Megan Costa DeVault, Business Litigation
Joseph E. ('Ed') Foster, Business Litigation
Russell B. Hale, Tax: Business
Richard T. Hurt, Employee Benefits

Robert M. Poppell, Real Estate: Business

Rising Stars 2018

Jarrett D. Bingemann, Real Estate: Business

Paul W. Etti, Business Litigation

James F. Goldsmith, Business/Corporate

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Florida – Palm Beach County

Super Lawyers 2018 (Boca Raton)

Andrew S. Robins, Real Estate: Business

Super Lawyers 2018 (West Palm Beach)

David P. Ackerman, Business Litigation

Christopher S. Duke, Employment & Labor

Eric A. Gordon, Employment & Labor

Arlene K. Kline, Employment & Labor

Kathy M. Klock, Securities Litigation

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Lawrence P. Rochefort, Business Litigation

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Rising Stars 2018

Brandon Forgione, Consumer Law

Andrew M. Loewenstein, General Litigation

Brad McPherson, Business Litigation

Caitlin F. Saladrigas, Health Care

Adam G. Schwartz, Consumer Law

Florida – Tallahassee

Super Lawyers 2018

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Martin R. Dix, Health Care

Katherine E. Giddings, Appellate

Joseph W. Hatchett, Business Litigation

Rising Stars 2018

Diane G. DeWolf, Appellate

Kristen M. Fiore, Appellate

Michael J. Larson, Appellate

Florida – Tampa

Super Lawyers 2018

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David M. Doney, Securities & Corporate Finance

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Steven R. Wirth, Bankruptcy: Business

Rising Stars 2018

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John L. Dicks, II, General Litigation

Zarra R. Elias, Employment & Labor

Jason L. Margolin, Business Litigation

Drew P. O'Malley, Class Action/Mass Torts

Illinois – Chicago

Super Lawyers 2018

Mark S. Bernstein, Business Litigation

Brian C. Bianco, Intellectual Property Litigation

Joel D. Bertocchi, Appellate

Thomas Y. Mandler, Employment & Labor

Scott A. Meyers, Securities Litigation

Michael L. Molinaro, Banking

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Rising Stars 2018

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Ryan C. Williams, Business Litigation

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Louisiana – New Orleans

Super Lawyers 2018

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Ben Slater, III, Transportation
Gerald Wimberly, Business Litigation

Rising Stars 2018

Michelle W. Scelson, Business Litigation

Nevada – Las Vegas

Super Lawyers 2018

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Rising Stars 2018

Rebekkah B. Bodoff, Securities Litigation
Scott R. Lachman, Civil Litigation: Defense
Tenesa S. Powell, Consumer Law
Lilith V. Xara, Consumer Law

New York – New York City

Super Lawyers 2018

Michael D. Bailkin, Land Use/Zoning
Susan F. Balaschak, Bankruptcy: Business
Lorenzo Borgogni, Mergers & Acquisitions
Ross J. Charap, Intellectual Property
Donald N. David, General Litigation
Brian S. Fraser, Securities Litigation
Kenneth Gordon, Real Estate: Business
Gail L. Gottehrer, Class Action/Mass Torts
Scott M. Kessler, Business Litigation
Mark S. Lafayette, Intellectual Property Litigation
Richard G. Leland, Environmental
Mark A. Levine, Land Use/Zoning
Lisa S. Lim, Real Estate: Business
Carlos E. Méndez-Peñate, International
Bran Noonan, Employment & Labor (under embargo)
Steven P. Polivy, Real Estate: Business
Ted Rosen, Mergers & Acquisitions
Ira S. Sacks, Intellectual Property Litigation
Ira. B. Stechel, Tax: Business
M. Darren Traub, Business Litigation
John B. Wood, Real Estate: Business

Rising Stars 2018

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Defense

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Ashley S. Miller, Consumer Law

Jesse M. Nichols, Real Estate: Business

Jaclyn Scarinci, Land Use/Zoning

Texas – Dallas

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John E. Mitchell, Bankruptcy: Business

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Rising Stars 2018

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Lauren E. Hayes, Business Litigation

Elizabeth A. Mazzarella, Consumer Law

Walter McInnis, Consumer Law

Robert E. Weitzel, Business Litigation

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Benjamin A. Escobar, Energy & Natural Resources

Scott D. Marrs, Energy & Natural Resources

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Sean M. Cichowski, Civil Litigation: Defense

James E. Rogers, Business Litigation

Nicholas D. Stepp, Appellate

Texas – San Antonio

Super Lawyers 2018

Laurence S. Kurth, Civil Litigation: Defense

Virginia – Vienna

Super Lawyers 2018

Jeffrey G. Gilmore, Construction Litigation: Business
Stephen B. Hurlbut, Construction Litigation:
Business

Washington, D.C.

Super Lawyers 2018

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Angela Hart-Edwards, Employment & Labor
Stephen B. Hurlbut, Construction Litigation:
Business
Warren L. Lewis, Franchise/Dealership

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