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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.

California – Los Angeles

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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
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Robert R. Yap, Civil Litigation: Defense

Colorado – Denver

Rising Stars 2018
Melissa L. Cizmorris, Appellate
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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
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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
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Business
Sarah Lis, Employment Litigation: Defense
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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
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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
Daniel Jacobson, Business/Corporate
Neisen O. Kasdin, Land Use/Zoning
Jeffrey A. Kern, Estate Planning & Probate
Teddy Klinghoffer, Business/Corporate
Michael C. Marsh, Business Litigation

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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
Ari H. Gerstin, General Litigation
Ross E. Linzer, Class Action/Mass Torts
Michael O. Mena, Business Litigation
Alexandra M. Mora, Business Litigation
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. Brumback, Jr., Banking
Jules S. Cohen, Bankruptcy: Business
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. Ettori, Business Litigation
James F. Goldsmith, Business/Corporate
Kimberly Lopez Narbona, Business Litigation
Carrie Ann Wozniak, Appellate

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
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Lawrence P. Rochefort, Business Litigation
David I. Spector, General Litigation

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
Silvia M. Alderman, Environmental
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
Irene Bassel Frick, Business Litigation
Karen M. Buesing, Employment Litigation: Defense
Kirk S. Davis, Health Care
David M. Doney, Securities & Corporate Finance
Brian R. Harris, Tax: Business
Leslie Joughin III, Business Litigation
Margaret D. Mathews, Business Litigation
L. Joseph Shaheen, Jr., Business Litigation
Scott T. Silverman, Employment & Labor
Steven R. Wirth, Bankruptcy: Business

Rising Stars 2018
Sadie R. Craig, Media/Advertising
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
John P. ('Pete') Morrison, Employment & Labor
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Michael D. Switzer, Intellectual Property Litigation

Rising Stars 2018
Robyn M. Bowland, Intellectual Property
Kasey Folk Dunlap, Business Litigation
Julia R. Lissner, Business Litigation
Carolyn V. Metnick, Health Care
Ryan C. Williams, Business Litigation
James I. Zirkle, Intellectual Property Litigation

Louisiana – New Orleans

Super Lawyers 2018
Patrick Johnson, Jr., Bankruptcy: Business
Ben Slater, III, Transportation
Gerald Wimberly, Business Litigation

Rising Stars 2018
Michelle W. Scelson, Business Litigation

Nevada – Las Vegas

Super Lawyers 2018
Darren T. Brenner, Civil Litigation: Defense

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
Vincent M. Avery, Employment Litigation: Defense
Benjamin Joelson, Business Litigation
Christopher R. Lepore, Employment Litigation: Defense
Eleanore C. Martins, Land Use/Zoning
Ashley S. Miller, Consumer Law
Jesse M. Nichols, Real Estate: Business
Jaclyn Scarinci, Land Use/Zoning

Texas – Dallas

Super Lawyers 2018
John E. Mitchell, Bankruptcy: Business
Michael D. Napoli, Securities Litigation

Rising Stars 2018
Alyson V. Blatney, Business Litigation
Lauren E. Hayes, Business Litigation
Elizabeth A. Mazzarella, Consumer Law
Walter McInnis, Consumer Law
Robert E. Weitzel, Business Litigation

Texas – Houston

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Benjamin A. Escobar, Energy & Natural Resources
Scott D. Marrs, Energy & Natural Resources

Rising Stars 2018
Brian T. Bagley, Intellectual Property Litigation
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
Jeffrey G. Gilmore, Construction Litigation: Business
Angela Hart-Edwards, Employment & Labor
Stephen B. Hurlbut, Construction Litigation: Business
Warren L. Lewis, Franchise/Dealership

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