

Press Release

# Record Number of Akerman Lawyers Across the United States Named to *The Best Lawyers in America 2019* Guide

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Firm Lawyers Ranked in a Record Number of Practice Areas

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that 176 of its lawyers located in New York, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami and 14 other major metropolitan markets across the United States have been named to *The Best Lawyers in America 2019* list in 73 areas of law. Additionally, *Best Lawyers* named 11 Akerman Partners to the 2019 *Lawyer of the Year* list, an honor given to only one lawyer per practice area in every major market in the United States.

Among the Best Lawyers of the Year honorees are [David Ackerman](#) for Bet-the-Company Litigation (West Palm Beach), [Jonathan Awner](#) for International Mergers & Acquisitions and Securities / Capital Markets Law (Miami), [Michael Goldberg](#) for Litigation – Bankruptcy (Fort Lauderdale), [Teddy Klinghoffer](#) for Corporate Governance Law and Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law (Miami), [John Macdonald](#) for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (Jacksonville), [Timothy McDermott](#) for Litigation – Land Use and Zoning (Jacksonville), [Michael McMahon](#) for Litigation – Real Estate (Orlando), [Robyn Neely](#) for Environmental Law (Orlando),

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The annual *Best Lawyers* list and *Lawyer of the Year* designation are based on peer-review surveys in which more than 36,000 leading lawyers cast nearly 4.4 million votes on the legal abilities of other legal professionals in their practice areas.

### Individual Lawyer Listings

- David Ackerman for Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Securities
- Sergio Acosta for Commercial Litigation
- N. Terry Adams, Jr. for Appellate Practice
- Silvia M. Alderman for Environmental Law, Litigation – Environmental
- Marcy Levine Aldrich for Insurance Law
- Jacqueline M. Arango for Litigation – Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)
- William C. Arnhols for Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law
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- Steven D. Bloom for Real Estate Law
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- Cecelia Bonifay for Environmental Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law
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- Christopher S. Carver for Commercial Litigation
- Maria I. Casablanca for Immigration Law

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 Corporate  
 Environment and Natural Resources  
 Fraud and Recovery  
 Government Affairs and Public Policy  
 Healthcare  
 Intellectual Property  
 Labor and Employment  
 Land Use and Development  
 Latin America and the Caribbean  
 Litigation  
 M&A and Private Equity  
 Real Estate  
 Tax  
 Trusts and Estates  
 White Collar Crime and Government Investigations

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- Robert I. Chaskes for Commercial Litigation
- Michael B. Chavies for Commercial Litigation
- Janis K. Cheezum for Real Estate Law
- Geoffrey C. Cheney for Corporate Law
- Patrick T. Christiansen for Banking and Finance Law
- Dana Clayton for Litigation – Real Estate
- Jules S. Cohen for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy
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- Michael L. Molinaro for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Esther L. Moreno for Corporate Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law
- John P. (‘Pete’) Morrison for Labor Law – Management
- Marilyn Mullen Healy for Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law
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