

Press Release

# Akerman Expands Corporate Finance Strengths with New York Partner Barbara Edwards

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today continued the national expansion of its corporate, finance and private equity practice with the addition of partner [Barbara Edwards](#) in New York. She joins the firm's Corporate Finance and Lending Practice.

“Barbara’s practice is a strong addition to our growing corporate group,” said [Jonathan Awner](#), Corporate Practice Group Co-Chair. “Her experience in complex finance transactions advances our capabilities for borrowers, lenders and other corporate clients across the U.S. and internationally.”

Edwards works with clients on all aspects of complex finance transactions in the U.S. and international markets, including emerging markets. With more than 20 years of practice, she has represented private and public companies, including Fortune 500 companies, private equity sponsors, hedge funds and other financial institutions in their financing activities. She is well versed in representing borrowers and lenders in all aspects of financing transactions and represents clients in a wide array of industries including the automotive, coal, financial services, gaming, healthcare and life sciences, industrials, infrastructure, natural and renewable resources, media, power and energy, retail and telecommunications sectors. Edwards has

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expertise in investment grade financings and maintains a particular focus on public company financings and power projects financings.

The Corporate Practice Group has expanded the team's national footprint with 16 lawyers in Austin, Chicago, Miami, New York, Orlando and Washington, D.C. this year to date. In addition to Edwards, notable lateral partners include Michael O'Brien, Ted Rosen, Peter Eccles, and Robert Stein in New York, Robert Winner in Chicago, Todd Reed and Bentley Harris in Austin, and Karyn Koiffman in Washington, D.C.. Together, they bolster Akerman's focus toward domestic and international client middle market M&A, private equity, and finance transactions across dynamic sectors.

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The Akerman Corporate Practice Group advises public and private companies, including private equity funds, on M&A, capital markets, financings, and other transactional matters, with a strong focus on the middle market. Akerman is top-ranked 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 and private equity deals.