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Akerman Continues Strategic Expansion of Chicago Office with Partner Mary Samsa

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Firm Grows National Tax, Trusts & Estates Practices

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced the national expansion of the Tax Practice Group with Partner Mary Samsa in Chicago.

“The expansion of our Tax Practice Group in Chicago is part of our client-driven strategy,” said Peter Larsen, chair of Akerman’s Tax Practice Group. “Mary brings essential tax experience within executive compensation and corporate M&A matters. Her client-focused practices and expertise go hand-in-hand with our dedication to deliver exceptional tax services to our clients.”

Samsa focuses her practice on executive compensation matters and tax-qualified retirement programs for a wide range of organizations, including Fortune 500 companies, privately held companies, multinational organizations and nonprofit entities. She regularly advises on executive pay practices, including nonqualified deferred compensation arrangements, Code Section 409A and incentive programs for both for-profit and not-for profit entities. Samsa represents employers and high-level executives with respect to employment agreements, severance arrangements, golden

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parachute plans, and the reporting and disclosure of these compensatory arrangements.

Akerman is previously recognized by *Law360* as Tax Practice Group of the Year for achieving some of the greatest client successes in the industry. In addition to Samsa, the team recently attracted Partner Stacey Prince-Troutman from Broad and Cassel in Orlando.

The new partners join Akerman at a time of continued growth and momentum. In Chicago, the team has grown from eight to nearly 60 lawyers since the office opened in 2014.

About Akerman

Akerman LLP is a top 100 U.S. law firm recognized among the most forward thinking firms in the industry by *Financial Times*. Its more than 700 lawyers and business professionals collaborate with the world's most successful enterprises and entrepreneurs to navigate change, seize opportunities, and help drive innovation and growth. Akerman is known for its results in middle market M&A and complex disputes, and for helping clients achieve their most important business objectives in the financial services, real estate and other dynamic sectors across the United States and Latin America.

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.