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The American Lawyer Once Again Ranks Akerman Among Top 100 Law Firms

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Firm Achieves Eighth Consecutive Year of Record Results

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, continued its strong positioning in *The American Lawyer*'s 2019 "Am Law 100" list, an annual ranking of the top-grossing law firms. Akerman maintained its number 94 rank among the top 100 U.S. law firms.

During fiscal year 2018, Akerman experienced its eighth year of record expansion, surpassing the previous year's record-setting revenue growth. The firm engaged in aggressive hiring in key markets, including Los Angeles, New York, and Chicago. The lateral additions reflect targeted growth in the firm's areas of core strength, including litigation, real estate and corporate, leading to a physical headcount of more than 700 lawyers and business professionals across 24 U.S. offices.

"We achieved our eighth consecutive year of record results – the highest gross revenues and net income results in our firm's 99-year history," said <u>Andrew Smulian</u>, Akerman Chairman and CEO. "I am very pleased with these results. But I am most proud of what we have accomplished for our clients in numerous significant litigation and transactional matters across the United States and Latin America. The quality of our relationships with our clients and

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with each other is at the core of Akerman's continued growth."

Akerman's year-over-year achievements are a testament to the firm's industry leadership and its continued ability to meet changing client needs. For four consecutive years, the Financial Times recognized Akerman as one of the nation's most innovative law firms. The firm was "Highly Recommended" in 2018 in the category Legal Expertise – Creating a New Standard for its vital role in several urban development projects relating to Chicago's Lakeshore East, a \$4 billion, 28-acre development in downtown Chicago. Additionally, for the fifth consecutive year, Akerman was named among the top performing companies and law firms that took concrete steps to ensure greater equality for LGBTQ workers, earning a 100% Corporate Equality Index Rating and a "Best Place to Work for LGBTQ Equality" designation by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation.

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.