

## Practices

# Corporate

Business leaders are focused on increasing revenue and improving margins in a progressively competitive and uncertain environment. This market volatility has led to new growth opportunities and hazards, which require legal counsel with the agility and ingenuity to manage enterprise and transaction risk.

Akerman is widely recognized as among the best law firms for middle market transactional work. Our corporate, M&A, and private equity practices, and many of our partners, repeatedly achieve top-tier rankings from *Best Lawyers*, *The Legal 500*, and *Chambers USA*, which noted that our corporate lawyers “are extraordinarily effective and focused on understanding and achieving business and transactional objectives while communicating well to facilitate risk management.”

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“The team is phenomenally capable, intelligent, and business savvy.”

*Chambers USA*

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Our corporate lawyers advise public and private companies, private equity funds, and financial institutions on sophisticated mergers and acquisitions, capital markets transactions, financings, and other transactional matters, with a strong focus on the middle market. We guide clients through major corporate transactions and crisis

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## Related Work

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Lending  
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Distressed Transactions  
and Corporate  
Restructuring  
Emerging Growth  
Companies  
Energy and  
Infrastructure  
Franchise and  
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management, as well as in day-to-day operations and routine matters. We are trusted advisors to boards of directors, executive management teams, family offices, private equity sponsors, institutional and individual investors, and founder-owned businesses.

We advise on transactions across the Americas, serving clients from our 24 offices in the United States, including Miami, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C. We have handled high profile initial public offerings as issuers' counsel and advised on thousands of M&A deals, with a leadership position in middle market transactions ranging in size from \$50 million to \$500 million. Further, we represent many of the largest and most active private equity funds, assisting growth-focused companies with the resources to succeed. Whether on the buy-side or sell-side, our professionals combine extensive deal experience with deep understanding of the sectors in which our clients operate as well as their organizational and transaction-specific objectives.

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“Akerman is one of the top law firms in the United States in terms of quality of work.”

*The Legal 500*

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Our clients span a broad range of sectors, including healthcare and life sciences, aviation and aerospace, hospitality and restaurant, specialty retail, consumer services, financial services, light manufacturing, business and industrial services, technology, logistics, and professional sports. We act as allies to the companies we represent and their executives—anticipating their needs, responsively addressing their concerns, and being accessible at all times. Working collaboratively with firm specialists in related legal disciplines, we are able to effectively manage transaction risk. Our deal teams include partners who concentrate in finance, tax, employee

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## What We Do

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- Spinoffs and divestitures
- Startup company formation
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- Private placements of securities
- IPOs and capital market transactions
- Public company regulatory advice
- Debt financing, secured and unsecured
- Corporate governance advice
- Private fund formation
- Technology licensing
- Intellectual Property protection
- Antitrust and trade regulation
- Distribution and licensing
- Franchising
- International trade
- Regulatory compliance
- Corporate restructuring
- Executive compensation and employee benefits
- Labor, employment, and immigration compliance
- Corporate investigations and white collar defense
- Activist shareholder defense
- Securities litigation defense