

Practices

# SEC Receiverships and Ponzi Schemes

According to *Financial Times*, investment fraud is thriving—with new schemes uncovered weekly and billions of dollars lost annually. When fraudulent investment schemes are discovered, court appointed receivers and trustees serve as prominent advocates, helping defrauded creditors and investors to trace and recover funds.

Akerman regularly represents receivers, trustees, investors, creditors, creditors' committees, lenders, and other financial institutions impacted by fraudulent investment schemes. Whether serving as counsel, receiver, or trustee, our aim is to maximize the recovery for victims as efficiently as possible.

Our lawyers have served as receivers and attorneys for receivers in suits filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to liquidate companies that have violated federal securities laws. We have extensive experience in determining ownership of assets, tracing funds, and recovering money.

Members of our team are regularly appointed by federal and state judges at the request of the SEC to oversee the liquidation of entities that were engaged in Ponzi schemes and other frauds. We have overseen several of the largest Ponzi scheme or EB-5 receiverships in the United States, including Worldwide Entertainment, the Rothstein Ponzi scheme, and the Jay Peak EB-5 receivership. Moreover, our lawyers have represented dozens of victims in the Madoff and Stanford cases. Our anti-fraud work also extends to protecting international investors, most notably in EB-5 fraud cases.

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## What We Do

- Investment fraud analysis, investigation, and litigation
- Fraud-related bankruptcy counsel
- Internal corporate investigations
- Fraud-related crisis management
- Asset seizure and operations
- Large-scale claims processes