

## Practices

# Appellate

Cases that go to appeal face a new, distinct set of legal challenges, requiring a thorough understanding of the law and appellate procedure as well as the mindset of a judicial audience. Whether seeking to preserve a trial victory or overturn an adverse decision, lawyers must navigate complex appellate rules, select the right issues and arguments to advance, write briefs that focus on what matters most to appellate judges, and craft oral arguments that compel a successful outcome.

Akerman's appellate practice is a national powerhouse with demonstrated success in handling appeals related to complex commercial litigation. Our appellate background gives us deep, first-hand knowledge of appellate court proceedings and the experience necessary to structure appellate arguments simply, clearly, and effectively.

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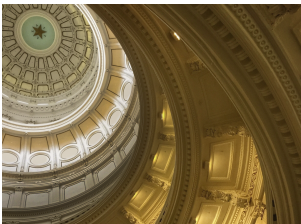
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## Our Team

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Extensive practice and preparation are needed to craft persuasive responses to questions from jurists.

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Recognized by *Chambers USA* for our “wealth of experience in appellate proceedings,” we have handled thousands of matters in federal and state appellate courts, particularly in the areas of financial services, insurance, healthcare, and real estate.

Backed by Akerman's national litigation practice, our appellate team has depth of experience in numerous jurisdictions and we can effectively handle class actions throughout the U.S.

Our team members frequently assist trial lawyers during all phases of litigation, preserving errors for appeal, drafting motions and responses, and providing strategic advice on the best approach for seeking relief on appeal. We also represent clients in highly specialized administrative appeals involving high-profile issues, and we promote their interests through amicus curiae briefs when they are not a party to an appeal but have a substantial interest in the outcome.

## What We Do

- Handle appeals in federal and state appellate courts
- Assess trial records and evaluate issues for appeal
- Consult with trial lawyers throughout litigation to preserve issues for appeal, including attending key hearings and trial where warranted
- Provide guidance and feedback for optimal brief and oral argument preparation through Akerman Bench