

Practices

Government Advocacy

Akerman's Government Advocacy team delivers sophisticated legislative, regulatory, and funding strategies across federal, state, and local jurisdictions. Part of the Government Strategies Practice Group, the team brings together former Congressional staff, senior agency officials, statehouse veterans, and experienced government-relations lawyers to help clients shape policy, secure resources, and navigate the full spectrum of public sector decision-making.

We advise companies, associations, nonprofits, and public entities on high-impact matters ranging from appropriations and project funding to regulatory engagement, administrative proceedings, and intergovernmental strategy. Our bipartisan network and deep sector knowledge enable us to turn complex governmental processes into practical, measurable outcomes for clients operating in an evolving regulatory and political environment.

What We Do

Legislative Advocacy

Represent clients before Congress, federal agencies, state legislatures, governors' offices, and local government bodies on legislation, amendments, and administrative rules.

Regulatory & Administrative Strategy

Guidance and advocacy on agency rulemakings, permitting, compliance reviews, enforcement actions, and administrative disputes, with seamless coordination between our advocacy and legal teams.

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Our Team

Related Work

Affordable and
Workforce Housing
Federal Appropriations
and Government
Funding
Government Strategies
Public-Private
Partnerships
Transportation
Regulation and Policy

Appropriations, Grants & Funding Solutions

Strategic support to secure federal, state, and local appropriations, grants, and economic development incentives — including project development, report language, and engagement with appropriations staff and executive agencies.

Local Government & Public Sector Support

Advising municipalities, counties, utilities, and school districts on project funding, public-private partnerships, regulatory relief, unfunded mandates, and intergovernmental relations.

Agency Engagement & Implementation

Navigation of multi-agency processes, stakeholder consultations, program rollout, and post-enactment compliance across complex regulatory frameworks.

Coalitions, Stakeholders & Bipartisan Networks

Building and leveraging coalitions, industry alliances, and bipartisan relationships to advance client priorities and accelerate advocacy efforts.

Sector Focused Government Relations

Customized strategies tailored to each client's industry, regulatory landscape, and geographic footprint, ensuring targeted, effective government engagement.

Our Advantage

Akerman's Government Advocacy team integrates policy insight, legal depth, and practical experience within the legislative and executive branches. Our approach enables clients to:

- Shape legislation and regulatory outcomes
- Secure competitive funding and appropriations
- Advance infrastructure, technology, and economic development initiatives
- Mitigate regulatory and permitting risk
- Position projects for success across governmental layers

With a record of achieving meaningful results for private organizations and public entities alike, we deliver creative, actionable solutions that help clients succeed in today's rapidly shifting public policy environment.