

Practices

Corporate Governance

Corporations face rigorous—and ever-changing—regulations imposed by Congress, the SEC, stock exchanges, and various other regulatory agencies. The risk of noncompliance can be great—from business disruption to regulatory investigations to civil and criminal penalties. Legal counsel with a practical and comprehensive understanding of regulatory requirements is essential for properly establishing and safeguarding business operations.

Akerman serves as counsel to boards of directors, audit and special board committees, and senior executives of public companies—delivering comprehensive advice on corporate governance issues and change-of-control transactions. Our team continually monitors potential policy changes, proactively looking ahead to help clients identify, understand, and address possible impacts. We regularly guide private companies through the development of cost-effective Sarbanes-Oxley compliance procedures, which is particularly relevant when a company is considering an initial public offering, is an issuer of registered debt, or is an acquisition candidate.

What We Do

- Advise on director and officer fiduciary responsibilities and duties
- Recommend best practices for structure of board of directors
- Monitor and advise of SEC regulatory issues

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Related Work

Capital Markets
Corporate
Directors and Officers
(D&O) Liability

- Establish procedures for responding to government inquiries
- Conduct internal investigations for audit and special committees
- Investigate whistleblower claims
- Develop audit committee policies and procedures
- Document compliance with NYSE and Nasdaq listings to meet corporate governance standards