

Press Release

# 197 Akerman Lawyers Across the United States Named to 2019 *Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars* Lists

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that 197 lawyers were named to the 2019 edition of *Super Lawyers Magazine*, including 71 Rising Stars.

In Florida, Partners Karen Buesing and Katherine Giddings were named to the Top 100 Florida Super Lawyers and Top 50 Florida Women Super Lawyers lists. Partner David Ackerman was also named to the Top 100 Florida Super Lawyers list.

Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding U.S. lawyers who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The resource serves as a guide for general counsel and Fortune 1000 executives in charge of making legal hiring decisions.

The lawyers and the categories in which they are honored are listed below.

## California – Los Angeles

### *Super Lawyers 2019*

Michelle Lee Flores, Employment & Labor

Jeffrey S. Horton Thomas, Employment Litigation:  
Defense

Caroline H. Mankey, Intellectual Property Litigation

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## Related People

David P. Ackerman  
Silvia M. Alderman  
Marcy Levine Aldrich  
Marissa Alguire  
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Brian C. Bianco  
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Lorenzo Borgogni  
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Gerald B. Cope, Jr.  
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Copperthwaite  
Donald N. David  
Kirk S. Davis  
Megan Costa DeLeon  
Diane G. DeWolf

*Rising Stars 2019*

Evan F. Anderson, Consumer Law

Zoe J. Bekas, Employment & Labor

Steven P. Gallagher, Employment Litigation: Defense

Parisa Jassim, Consumer Law

**Colorado – Denver**

*Rising Stars 2019*

Melissa L. Cizmorris, Appellate

Jamie Z. Roth, Business Litigation

**Florida – Fort Lauderdale**

*Super Lawyers 2019*

Stacy Bercun Bohm, Construction Litigation:  
Business

Mary V. Carroll, Mergers & Acquisitions

Andrew P. Gold, Business Litigation

Michael I. Goldberg, Bankruptcy: Business

William P. Heller, Business Litigation

D. Brett Marks, Bankruptcy: Business

Jason S. Oletsky, Business Litigation

Eric D. Rapkin, Real Estate: Business

Glen A. Stankee, Tax: Business

Leslie Miller Tomczak, Construction Litigation:  
Business

*Rising Stars 2019*

Enjoliqué D. Aytch, Personal Injury - Products

Eyal Berger, Creditor Debtor Rights: Business

Erica Gomer, Business Litigation

Elan Hersh, Class Action/Mass Torts

Trevor C. Jones, Class Action/Mass Torts

Catherine Douglas Kretschmar, Bankruptcy:  
Business

Sarah J. Lis, Employment Litigation: Defense

Tamara Savin Malvin, Gaming

Jarred L. Reiling, Criminal Defense: White-Collar

Max C. Rudolf, Class Action/Mass Torts

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Martins

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Scott A. Meyers

Ashley S. Miller

Richard C. Milstein

### *Super Lawyers 2019*

Jacob A. Brown, Bankruptcy: Business  
Cindy A. Laquidara, State, Local, & Municipal  
Peter O. Larsen, Tax: Business  
John B. Macdonald, Creditor Debtor Rights: Business  
Timothy J. McDermott, General Litigation  
David Evan Otero, Bankruptcy: Business

### *Rising Stars 2019*

Aleksas A. Barauskas, Business Litigation  
Ashlea A. Edwards, Civil Litigation: Defense  
Christian P. George, Business Litigation  
Allison M. Stocker, Business Litigation

## **Florida – Miami**

### *Super Lawyers 2019*

Marcy Levine Aldrich, Class Action/Mass Torts  
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Jonathan L. Awner, Mergers & Acquisitions  
Richard Bezold, Real Estate: Business  
James S. Bramnick, Employment & Labor  
Christopher S. Carver, Business Litigation  
Robert I. Chaskes, Business Litigation  
Dana Clayton, Business Litigation  
Gerald B. Cope, Jr., Appellate  
Nancy A. Copperthwaite, Appellate  
Carol L. Schoffel Faber, Real Estate: Business  
Joanne Gelfand, Bankruptcy: Business  
Andrea S. Hartley, Bankruptcy: Business  
Elizabeth M. Hernandez, State, Local, & Municipal  
Daniel Jacobson, Business/Corporate  
Neisen O. Kasdin, Land Use/Zoning  
Jeffrey A. Kern, Estate Planning & Probate  
Teddy Klinghoffer, Business/Corporate  
Michael C. Marsh, Business Litigation  
Brian P. Miller, Securities Litigation  
James M. Miller, Business Litigation  
Richard C. Milstein, Estate & Trust Litigation  
Henry H. Raattama, Jr., Nonprofit Organizations  
Stephen K. Roddenberry, Mergers & Acquisitions  
Carl D. Roston, Mergers & Acquisitions  
Philip Schwartz, Banking

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Narbona  
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David Evan Otero  
Lorayne Perez  
Luis A. Perez  
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Robert M. Poppell  
Eric D. Rapkin  
Andrew S. Robins  
Lawrence P. Rochefort  
Stephen K. Roddenberry  
James E. Rogers  
Ryan Roman  
Ted Rosen  
Carl D. Roston  
Max C. Rudolf  
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Glen A. Stankee  
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Ryan C. Williams  
Steven R. Wirth  
John B. Wood

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Orlando  
Tallahassee  
Tampa  
Washington, D.C.  
West Palm Beach

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Andrew M. Smulian, Real Estate: Business

*Rising Stars 2019*

Paula S. Buzzi, Real Estate: Business  
Daniel Cardenal, Consumer Law  
Daniel P. Faust, Real Estate: Business  
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Ross E. Linzer, Class Action/Mass Torts  
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Alexandra Mora, Business Litigation  
Lorayne Perez, Business Litigation  
Ryan Roman, Business Litigation  
Steven J. Wernick, Land Use/Zoning  
Forton H. Wimbush, Jr., Consumer Law

**Florida – Naples**

*Super Lawyers 2019*

Joe B. Cox, Estate Planning & Probate  
Jonathan E. Gopman, Estate Planning & Probate

**Florida – Orlando**

*Super Lawyers 2019*

Cecelia Bonifay, Land Use/Zoning  
Jules S. Cohen, Bankruptcy: Business  
Megan Costa DeVault, Business Litigation  
Joseph E. ('Ed') Foster, Business Litigation  
Russell B. Hale, Tax: Business  
Beppy Landrum Owen, Nonprofit Organizations  
Robert M. Poppell, Real Estate: Business

*Rising Stars 2019*

Jarrett D. Bingemann, Real Estate: Business  
Kimberly Lopez Narbona, Business Litigation  
Carrie Ann Wozniak, Appellate

**Florida – Palm Beach County**

*Super Lawyers 2019 (Boca Raton)*

Andrew S. Robins, Real Estate: Business

*Super Lawyers 2019 (West Palm Beach)*  
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Christopher S. Duke, Employment & Labor  
Eric A. Gordon, Employment & Labor  
Arlene K. Kline, Employment & Labor  
Kathy M. Klock, Securities Litigation  
James M. McCann, Business Litigation  
Lawrence P. Rochefort, Business Litigation

*Rising Stars 2019*  
Brad McPherson, Business Litigation

## **Florida – Tallahassee**

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Diane G. DeWolf, Appellate  
Martin R. Dix, Health Care  
Katherine E. Giddings, Appellate  
Joseph W. Hatchett, Business Litigation

*Rising Stars 2019*  
Michael J. Larson, Appellate

## **Florida – Tampa**

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Irene Bassel Frick, Business Litigation  
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David M. Doney, Securities & Corporate Finance  
Brian R. Harris, Tax: Business  
Leslie Joughin III, Business Litigation  
L. Joseph Shaheen, Jr., Business Litigation  
Scott T. Silverman, Employment & Labor  
Steven R. Wirth, Bankruptcy: Business

*Rising Stars 2019*  
Sadie R. Craig, Media/Advertising  
John L. Dicks, II, Business Litigation  
Zarra R. Elias, Employment & Labor  
Jason L. Margolin, Business Litigation

## **Illinois – Chicago**

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Sergio E. Acosta, Criminal Defense: White-Collar

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Scott A. Meyers, Securities Litigation

Michael L. Molinaro, Banking

John P. ('Pete') Morrison, Employment & Labor

Thomas G. Pasternak, Intellectual Property

Timothy K. Sendek, Intellectual Property Litigation

*Rising Stars 2019*

Rebekah A. Carpenter, Consumer Law

Kasey Folk Dunlap, Business Litigation

Thomas B. Fullerton, Banking

Megan M. Kokontis, Employment Litigation: Defense

Julia R. Lissner, Business Litigation

John M. Schafer, Intellectual Property Litigation

Ryan C. Williams, Business Litigation

**Louisiana – New Orleans**

*Super Lawyers 2019*

Patrick Johnson, Jr., Bankruptcy: Business

Ben Slater, III, Transportation

**Nevada – Las Vegas**

*Super Lawyers 2019*

Darren T. Brenner, Civil Litigation: Defense

*Rising Stars 2019*

Jamie K. Combs, Securities Litigation

Scott R. Lachman, Civil Litigation: Defense

Tenesa S. Powell, Consumer Law

Lilith V. Xara, Consumer Law

**New York – New York City**

*Super Lawyers 2019*

Michael D. Bailkin, Land Use/Zoning

Joshua D. Bernstein, Real Estate: Business

Lorenzo Borgogni, Mergers & Acquisitions  
Ross J. Charap, Intellectual Property  
Alan S. Cohen, Real Estate: Business  
Donald N. David, General Litigation  
Brian Fraser, Business Litigation  
Scott M. Kessler, Business Litigation  
Mark S. Lafayette, Intellectual Property Litigation  
Richard G. Leland, Environmental  
Mark A. Levine, Land Use/Zoning  
Lisa S. Lim, Real Estate: Business  
Carlos E. Méndez-Peñate, International  
Bran C. Noonan, Employment & Labor  
Lansing R. Palmer, Estate & Trust Litigation  
Steven P. Polivy, Real Estate: Business  
Ted D. Rosen, Mergers & Acquisitions  
Ira S. Sacks, Intellectual Property Litigation  
Ira B. Stechel, Tax: Business  
Matthew A. Steinberg, Employment & Labor  
John B. Wood, Real Estate

*Rising Stars 2019*

Raymond J. Berti, Employment Litigation: Defense  
Benjamin Joelson, Business Litigation  
Eleanore Martins, Land Use/Zoning  
Ashley S. Miller, Consumer Law  
Melissa A. Overbeck, Employment Litigation:  
Defense  
Jaclyn Scarinci, Land Use/Zoning  
Jamie B. Shyman, General Litigation  
Alexander Sokoloff, Real Estate  
Robert J. Stein, Banking  
Erica Stein Goldman, Civil Litigation: Plaintiff

**Texas – Dallas**

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John E. Mitchell, Bankruptcy: Business  
Michael D. Napoli, Securities Litigation

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Alysia N. Carlson, Consumer Law  
Christy S. Hawkins, Consumer Law  
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## **Texas – Houston**

### *Super Lawyers 2019*

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Scott D. Marrs, Energy & Natural Resources  
Edward J. Murphy, Business Litigation

### *Rising Stars 2019*

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Kristen McDanald, Civil Litigation: Defense  
James E. Rogers, Business Litigation  
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### *Super Lawyers 2019*

Laurence S. Kurth, Civil Litigation: Defense

## **Virginia – Vienna**

### *Super Lawyers 2019*

Jeffrey G. Gilmore, Construction Litigation: Business  
Stephen B. Hurlbut, Construction Litigation:  
Business

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### *Super Lawyers 2019*

Jeffrey G. Gilmore, Construction Litigation: Business  
Angela Hart-Edwards, Employment & Labor  
Stephen B. Hurlbut, Construction Litigation:  
Business  
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