

Press Release

# *Florida Trend* Recognizes Akerman Lawyers with Most Honorees in the State

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that *Florida Trend* has named 25 of the firm's lawyers to its 2019 Legal Elite list.

Akerman had the highest total number of lawyers listed, as well as the most women honorees. The firm's Legal Elite honorees include lawyers from offices across Florida, including Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Tallahassee, Tampa, and West Palm Beach.

Partners David Ackerman, Silvia Alderman, Karen Buesing, Joni Armstrong Coffey, and Katherine Giddings were once again recognized among a distinguished group of practitioners in the publication's Hall of Fame. *Florida Trend* also identified five Akerman lawyers under the age of 40 who were named Up & Comers for their record of excellence in the legal community and represent the future of law.

The 2019 Legal Elite list recognizes the state's top lawyers as selected by their peers through a voting process in 27 practice areas. The publication recognizes less than two percent of the more than 106,000 Florida Bar members practicing in the state.

The Akerman lawyers honored in 2019 are:

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## Related People

David P. Ackerman  
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## Related Offices

Fort Lauderdale

David P. Ackerman, Commercial Litigation  
Silvia M. Alderman, Environmental & Land Use  
Jacob A. Brown, Bankruptcy & Workout  
Karen M. Buesing, Labor & Employment  
Paula S. Buzzi, Real Estate – Up & Comer  
Joni Armstrong Coffey, Environmental & Land Use  
Jules S. Cohen, Bankruptcy & Workout  
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Ashlea A. Edwards, Commercial Litigation – Up & Comer  
Zarra R. Elias, Labor & Employment – Up & Comer  
Irene Bassel Frick, Commercial Litigation  
Christian P. George, Business Law  
Katherine E. Giddings, Appellate Practice  
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Daniel Jacobson, Business Law  
Trevor C. Jones, Commercial Litigation – Up & Comer  
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Arlene K. Kline, Labor & Employment  
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Glen A. Stankee, Tax  
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