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Akerman Welcomes Damien DeLaney to Labor and Employment Team in Los Angeles

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced the arrival of Partner <u>Damien DeLaney</u> to the firm's Labor and Employment Practice Group in Los Angeles.

DeLaney focuses his practice on employment litigation, having handled over 40 class and representative actions, as well as numerous other employment matters, in federal and state courts and arbitration, including wage and hour, discrimination, harassment, and retaliation claims under California law. He regularly defends employers from California Labor Code class actions, representative actions under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA), and FLSA collective actions. Damien also advises employers on a wide range of employment issues, including wage and hour compliance workplace investigations, employee discipline, employee separations, and policy and procedure review.

DeLaney is the latest addition to Akerman's Labor and Employment Practice Group with four partners in three offices recently joining the firm with <u>Brian Nugent</u> in Denver, <u>Amy Moor Gaylord</u> in Chicago, and Michael Gallion and David Van Pelt in Los Angeles. DeLaney's arrival marks the team's headcount nearly tripling in size since 2016 from 21

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Akerman's Labor and Employment Practice Group defends employers throughout the United States in all types of litigation under federal, state and local employment laws, including the Fair Labor Standards Act. Adept at class and collective actions defense, the group represents clients in connection with employment law compliance, collective bargaining and NLRB proceedings, ADA public access, global workforce issues, immigration, and non-compete and trade secret advice.