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Akerman Earns Top 15 Ranking in *PitchBook's* Q3 2019 US PE Lending League Tables

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, announced today that it ranked among the top 15 law firms in *PitchBook's Q3 2019 US PE Lending League Tables*. Particularly, Akerman was recognized in the following category of private equity activity, by deal count:

 No. 12 – Most Active Law Firms in US PE Debt Deals

PitchBook's 3Q 2019 US PE Lending League Tables offer an in-depth ranking of the most active lenders and advisors to U.S. private equity-backed companies.

Akerman ranked in eight categories of *PitchBook's* most recent Q3 2019 Global League Tables, including ranking No. 16 in the Most Active in the U.S. for Private Equity Deals category.

Akerman's Corporate Finance and Lending Practice is also recognized by *Chambers USA* for its strong track record in structuring and executing complex transactions. The national team represents creditors, debtors, and other market participants, including both corporate and individual clients, and financial institutions in connection with debt issuances in the capital markets, institutional and private lending, corporate lending, lease finance, project finance,

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The Akerman Corporate Practice Group advises public and private companies, including private equity funds, on M&A, capital markets transactions, financings, and other transactional matters, with a strong focus on the middle market. Akerman is topranked nationally for mergers, acquisitions and buyouts: middle market by *The Legal 500*, is recognized as a leading U.S. law firm by *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* for corporate, M&A, private equity, securities/capital markets, securities regulation and banking and finance law, and is listed in *PitchBook* league tables as among the most active law firms in the United States for M&A deals.