

Press Release

Akerman Once Again Achieves 100 Percent Corporate Equality Index Rating

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Firm Designated as a “Best Place to Work for LGBTQ Equality” for Sixth Consecutive Year

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, is pleased to announce that it has once again been designated as a “Best Place to Work for LGBTQ Equality” for achieving a 100 percent Corporate Equality Index (CEI) rating from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation, marking the sixth consecutive recognition for the firm.

In total, a record 686 businesses, including 123 of the nation’s top 200 law firms, achieved the recognition, representing 12.4 million employees nationally and 11.9 million globally. The CEI rating criteria focuses on three key pillars: non-discrimination policies; equitable benefits for LGBTQ workers and their families; and support for an inclusive culture and corporate social responsibility.

Since 2002, the HRC Foundation has published the CEI report based mainly on its annual survey administered to major global employers. The report has become a roadmap for U.S. businesses navigating the evolving field of LGBTQ equality in the workplace.

The 100 percent CEI rating is among Akerman’s latest distinctions for its efforts to further advance an

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inclusive environment. *Law360* featured Akerman among the top large law firms in its 2019 Diversity Snapshot for reporting above-average representation of minority attorneys, and in its Glass Ceiling Report, which ranked the firm among the top five large firms for female attorneys. *The American Lawyer* also recognized Akerman among the top 60 law firms in its 2019 Diversity Scorecard.

Additionally, the firm has achieved Mansfield Rule Certification since its inaugural version in 2017. The initiative aims to increase the number of leadership roles held by underrepresented lawyers across the legal industry, encouraging law firms to consider at least 30 percent women, minority, and LGBTQ lawyers for all equity partner promotions, lateral partner searches, and leadership roles.

[Click here to learn more about the 2020 Corporate Equity Index.](#)

About Akerman

Akerman LLP is a top 100 U.S. law firm recognized among the most forward thinking firms in the industry by *Financial Times*. Its more than 700 lawyers and business professionals collaborate with the world's most successful enterprises and entrepreneurs to navigate change, seize opportunities, and help drive innovation and growth. Akerman is known for its results in middle market M&A and complex disputes, and for helping clients achieve their most important business objectives in the financial services, real estate and other dynamic sectors across the United States and Latin America.