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### **Press Release**

# Scott Meyers Assumes Role as Akerman Chairman and CEO

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, is pleased to announce that Scott Meyers has assumed his role as the firm's chairman and CEO. Meyers begins a three-year term, succeeding Andrew Smulian.

"In 2020, we reflect on Akerman's 100 years of accomplishment," said Meyers. "We've leveraged the deep and wide-ranging capabilities of our team to effect change for our clients and our communities, delivering more than just victories but also long-lasting results. It is my highest professional honor to lead Akerman into its next phase of achievement, and I could not be more optimistic about our future."

Meyers will further advance the firm's strategic, client-driven roadmap, and address challenges affecting the firm's many communities. Prior to stepping into his role as chairman and CEO, Meyers served as firm managing partner, helping execute firm strategy, which included the launch of Akerman's 24th and 25th offices in Atlanta and Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and its office expansions in Chicago, New York, and Washington, D.C.

Meyers joined Akerman in 2014 as founding office managing partner in Chicago, where he led the office's rapid growth from eight to 55 lawyers in four years. His leadership helped strengthen the firm's

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deep bench across all client-driven practice groups and sectors.

Meyers continued, "Collaboration, meaningful connections, and generosity are built into the fabric of our firm and have enabled us to develop a high-trust culture with our clients, our people, and the many communities in which we operate. Creating an inclusive environment of credibility, respect, and fairness that empowers and motivates our people to excel – through our client services and within our workplace – remains a priority and the link to our continued success."

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