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Adrian Smith Named Leadership Council on Legal Diversity's 2020 Fellow

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, is pleased to announce that [Adrian Smith](#) has been selected to be part of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity's (LCLD) 2020 class of Fellows, a landmark program created to identify, train, and advance the next generation of leaders in the legal profession.

Akerman and LCLD share a longstanding relationship, demonstrating the firm's ongoing commitment to build a diverse and inclusive workplace for all. Previous Akerman LCLD Fellows include [Enjoliqué Aytch](#), [Michael Marsh](#), [Kimberly Lopez Narbona](#), [Palash Pandya](#), [Larry Ross II](#), and [Naim Surgeon](#). Since 2011, LCLD's Fellows Program has trained more than 1,600 high-potential lawyers from diverse backgrounds, setting them on the path to leadership of their organizations. The Fellow program produces a generation of lawyers with strong leadership and relationship skills who are committed to fostering diversity within their institutions and the profession at large.

Smith, a partner in the firm's Corporate Practice Group in New York, represents private equity and corporate clients in a range of complex transactions, including leveraged buyouts, mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, recapitalizations, equity, and debt financings, including mezzanine financing. He

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