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Ken Wiggins serves as co-chair of Akerman's M&A and Private Equity Practice. Ranked by *Best Lawyers in America* and *The Legal 500*, Ken represents public and private companies, private equity funds, and individuals in a variety of complex corporate transactions and general corporate matters, including mergers and acquisitions, private equity, venture and growth capital investments, private placements of debt and equity securities, recapitalizations, executive employment agreements, and management equity plans. Ken also represents both insureds and underwriters in connection with transactional risk products, including the issuance of representations and warranties insurance policies. In addition, Ken represents many companies with respect to all of their corporate transactions, and effectively serves as their outside general counsel.

Ken's experience spans numerous sectors, including: automotive retail; plumbing; HVAC and industrial product distribution; IT; transportation; aerospace; and correctional services. His private equity experience includes advising numerous firms on a diverse range of acquisitions and dispositions and other corporate matters.

Notable Work

Trivest Partners: Represent Trivest Partners, the oldest private equity firm in the Southeast, in connection with numerous M&A and finance matters, including dozens of company acquisitions, sales, and dividend recapitalizations.

Ferguson Enterprises, LLC: Represent Ferguson Enterprises, LLC, the nation's largest distributor of residential and commercial plumbing supplies and pipe, valves, and fittings, in connection with M&A and corporate matters, including dozens of recent acquisitions throughout the U.S.

FEI Ventures, LLC: Represent FEI Ventures, LLC in connection with venture capital investments, including multiple recent preferred equity investments.

Areas of Experience

M&A and Private Equity
Corporate
Automotive Retail
Venture Capital and Emerging Growth Companies
Financial Services
Transactional Risk

Education

J.D., William & Mary Law School, 2006, *William & Mary Law Review*, Order of the Coif
B.A., Florida State University, 2002, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

Bars

Florida
New York

Related Content

Akerman Sponsors 9th Annual Reps & Warranties and Transactional Liability Insurance ExecuSummit
May 06, 2025

Akerman Sponsors the 32nd Annual Junior Achievement Golf & Tennis Invitational
May 5, 2025

Akerman Represents Trivest Partners, L.P. in Its Sale of HighGround Restoration
March 19, 2025

CFC Underwriting: Represent CFC Underwriting Ltd. in connection with the issuances of representations and warranties insurance policies.

BlueChip Underwriting: Represent BlueChip Underwriting Ltd. in connection with the issuances of representations and warranties insurance policies.

AutoNation, Inc.: Represent AutoNation, Inc. (NYSE: AN), America's largest vehicle retailer, in connection with its acquisitions and dispositions of car dealerships, including dozens of recent acquisitions of Mercedes-Benz, Audi, Porsche, Jaguar, VW, Volvo, Honda, Hyundai, Land Rover, Toyota, Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, and other dealerships in markets nationwide.

The GEO Group, Inc.: Represent The GEO Group, Inc. (NYSE: GEO), a fully integrated equity real estate investment trust specializing in the design, financing, development, and operation of correctional, detention, and community reentry facilities around the globe and a leading provider of evidence-based offender rehabilitation, including in connection with its \$360 million acquisition of Community Education Centers, Inc.

XPO, Inc.: Represented XPO, Inc. (NYSE: XPO), one of the fastest growing providers of transportation logistics services, in connection with its \$365 million acquisition of 3PD Holding, Inc., the premier provider of heavy goods, last-mile logistics in North America.

HEICO Corporation: Represented HEICO Corporation (NYSE: HEI) in connection with its acquisition of Reinhold Industries, Inc. from funds of The Jordan Company, a leading private equity firm.

The Comvest Group: Represented The Comvest Group in the sale of Velocity Express, a provider of customized, same-day regional delivery solutions.

Published Work and Lectures

- Deloitte Roundtable: Private Equity Insights, Speaker, "Market Update & Industry Discussion," March 13, 2025
- *VCExperts*, Co-Author, "Purchase Price Adjustments: How True is Your True-Up?" March 18, 2013
- Pipeline's *The Deal*, Co-Author, "Judgment Call: So True," March 18, 2013

Affiliations

- Junior Achievement of Greater Miami, Executive Board Member, Secretary and Chair of Governance Committee

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2024, Named "Lawyer of the Year" in Florida for Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- *Best Lawyers*, 2023-2025, Listed in Florida for Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, and Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- BTI Consulting Group, Named 2021 BTI "M&A Client Service All-Star"
- *International Financial Law Review (IFLR) 1000*, Listed as a "Rising Star" for M&A in Florida
- *Daily Business Review* 2019, Recognized in South Florida as an "On the Rise" for early-career accomplishments

- *The Legal 500* 2019-2020, 2022-2024, Recommended for Mergers, Acquisitions, and Buyouts: M&A National Middle Market; 2019-2020, 2022-2024, Recognized as a “Next Generation Lawyer”
- *Super Lawyers* Magazine 2016, 2017, Listed in Florida as a “Rising Star” for Mergers and Acquisitions
- *Super Lawyers* Magazine 2015, Listed in New York – New York City as a “Rising Star” for Mergers and Acquisitions