

Press Release

Akerman Top Ranked in Middle Market M&A and Land Use by *The Legal 500*

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Firm Lawyers Named Among Best in M&A, Real Estate, Land Use, Construction, Immigration, and Tax Law

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that *The Legal 500* has once again ranked the firm as a first tier law firm for mergers and acquisitions in the M&A: Middle Market (Sub-\$500 Million) category, as well as for land use and zoning in the Real Estate: Land Use/Zoning category. Akerman is the only firm top ranked in both categories.

In addition to the M&A and land use and zoning rankings, Akerman was recognized for the ninth consecutive year for Labor and Employment – Immigration, Real Estate, Real Estate – Construction; and for the third time, US Taxes – Contentious. For M&A: Middle Market (Sub-\$500 Million), Corporate Practice Group Co-Chair Carl Roston was recognized within the category’s “Hall of Fame,” an elite list of outstanding lawyers nationwide, and Partner Kenneth Wiggins was named a “Next Generation Lawyer,” a select list of up and coming lawyers nationwide.

In total, 31 Akerman lawyers were recommended in their practice areas based on client and peer recognitions. The lawyers and the categories in which they are honored are listed below.

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The Legal 500 also noted the firm's growth in these practice areas, highlighting several recent additions in the firm's core markets. Corporate partner Otavio Carneiro joined in the Miami office. In real estate, Alan Cohen joined as Real Estate Finance Practice Chair and is the co-office managing partner in New York. Additionally, Stephen Tilbrook joined the Real Estate Practice Group in the Fort Lauderdale office.

More details on the Guide's methodology, along with Akerman's rankings, are available on *The Legal 500* website.

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