

Press Release

Akerman Furthers its Commitment to Racial Justice Through Partnership with Law Firm Antiracism Alliance

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, has joined a coalition of law firms dedicated to working with other organizations that are uniting to identify and dismantle systemic racism in the law and in government institutions. The newly launched coalition Law Firm Antiracism Alliance (LFAA) aims to harnesses the power and resources of some of the country's largest law firms to address systemic racism in a long-term, high impact and collaborative way.

“As lawyers, we have a responsibility to advocate for change in laws and policies that support systemic racism,” said Scott Meyers, Akerman Chairman and CEO. “With the engagement and collaboration of the county's leading law firms, we have an opportunity to combat and dismantle racial injustice and bring lasting change to our legal system.”

By joining LFAA, Akerman commits to leverage its philanthropic and pro bono resources to amplify the voices of communities and individuals oppressed by racism; better use the law as a vehicle for change to benefit communities of color; and to promote racial equality in the law and in government. The partnership also reinforces its commitment to increase diversity, equitable access to opportunities, and inclusion of people of color within its ranks.

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As part of its official launch and plan, the LFAA will host Summer and Fall summits, where legal leaders, diversity and inclusion professionals, pro bono professionals, and other industry groups will examine the areas of racial injustice, with the plan to create a Systemic Racism Legal Inventory (SRLI). The SRLI will include a catalogue of laws, rules, policies, and practices that result in negative outcomes for people of color, with the goal of utilizing legislative and regulatory advocacy strategies and high impact litigation to effectuate reform.

About Akerman

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