

Press Release

172 Akerman Lawyers Across the United States Named to 2020 *Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars* Lists

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that 172 lawyers were named to the 2020 edition of *Super Lawyers Magazine*, including 60 Rising Stars.

In Florida, Partners [Silvia Alderman](#) and [Katherine Giddings](#) were named to the Top 50 Florida Women Super Lawyers lists. Partners [David Ackerman](#) and [Richard Milstein](#) were named to the Top 100 Florida Super Lawyers list.

Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding U.S. lawyers who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The resource serves as a guide for general counsel and Fortune 1000 executives in charge of making legal hiring decisions.

The lawyers and the categories in which they are honored are listed below.

California – Los Angeles

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[Caroline H. Mankey](#), Intellectual Property Litigation

Rising Stars 2020

[Evan F. Anderson](#), Consumer Law

[Zoe J. Bekas](#), Employment & Labor

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Katalina Baumann, Consumer Law

Colorado – Denver

Rising Stars 2020

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Florida – Fort Lauderdale

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Business

Mary V. Carroll, Mergers & Acquisitions

Andrew P. Gold, Business Litigation

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William P. Heller, Business Litigation

Brett Marks, Bankruptcy: Business

Jason S. Oletsky, Business Litigation

Eric D. Rapkin, Real Estate: Business

Glen A. Stankee, Tax: Business

Leslie Miller Tomczak, Construction Litigation:
Business

Rising Stars 2020

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Erica Gomer, Business Litigation

Elan Hersh, Class Action/Mass Torts

Max C. Rudolf, Class Action/Mass Torts

Florida – Jacksonville

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Cindy A. Laquidara, State, Local, & Municipal

Peter O. Larsen, Tax: Business

John B. Macdonald, Creditor Debtor Rights: Business

David Evan Otero, Bankruptcy: Business

Rising Stars 2020

Aleksas A. Barauskas, Business Litigation

Ashlea A. Edwards, Civil Litigation: Defense

Christian P. George, Business Litigation

Florida – Miami

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Florida – Orlando

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Litigation
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Beppy Landrum Owen, Nonprofit Organizations

Real Estate
Tax
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Rising Stars 2020

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Rising Stars 2020

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Alan Cohen, Real Estate: Business
Brian Fraser, Business Litigation
Scott Kessler, Business Litigation
Richard Leland, Environmental
Mark Levine, Land Use/Zoning
Carlos Méndez-Peñate, International
Lansing Palmer, Estate & Trust Litigation
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Matthew Steinberg, Employment & Labor
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Rising Stars 2020

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Jaclyn Scarinci, Land Use/Zoning
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Texas – Dallas

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Texas – Houston

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Stephen B. Hurlbut, Construction Litigation:

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