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Shawn Taylor Honored Among *Crain's Chicago Business*' 2020 Notable LGBTQ Executives

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Shawn Taylor is listed among *Crain's Chicago Business*' 2020 Notable LGBTQ Executives + Businesses Championing Diversity and Inclusion. *Crain's Chicago Business* is recognizing 56 LGBTQ executives and professionals for their efforts to break down barriers that keep LGBTQ people from advancing to leadership positions, and for their significant contributions to advancing equality within the workplace or in the Chicago area. All honorees were nominated by peers.

Crain's Chicago Business highlighted, "Litigation partner Shawn Taylor focuses on complex commercial and intellectual property litigation, representing clients in securities litigation, enforcement actions, class-action defense, ERISA litigation, and intellectual property disputes. Pro bono work has included guardianship and domestic violence cases. He's an active member of the firm's LGBT affinity group. And he expanded Akerman's relationship with LGBTQ organizations, including Lambda Legal's Midwest regional office and Equality Illinois, assisting both nonprofits with fundraising events. Taylor has advocated for diversity and inclusion efforts, particularly in recruitment and community engagement. He's represented the firm at the National LGBT Bar Association's annual Lavender Law Career Fair, where he interviewed and recruited LGBT candidates."

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Taylor's practice is focused on complex commercial and intellectual property litigation. He has represented clients on matters ranging from civil RICO actions to litigation under the Lanham Act and the Hatch-Waxman Act. His litigation experience includes representing clients in federal and state courts, arbitration proceedings, appeals, and before administrative agencies.

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