

Press Release

# Akerman Expands National Litigation Bench with Sarah Kroll-Rosenbaum, Sayaka Karitani in Los Angeles

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, is growing its national Litigation Practice Group with partners [Sarah Kroll-Rosenbaum](#) and Sayaka Karitani in Los Angeles.

“Sarah and Sayaka bring robust experience in complex commercial litigation, representing clients across a wide array of sectors and industries within California state and federal courts,” said [Lawrence Rochefort](#), Litigation Practice Group Chair. “Their record in resolving matters on behalf of the best interest of their clients will help further strengthen Akerman’s deep bench of talented litigators.”

## **Sarah Kroll-Rosenbaum**

Kroll-Rosenbaum’s practice focuses on defending companies in complex litigation. Over the last four years, she has led the defense of nearly a dozen temporary healthcare staffing companies in class, collective, and representative actions attacking the industry’s business model. In these cases, and others, Kroll-Rosenbaum has argued extensively in California state and federal courts, including the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Kroll-Rosenbaum has also contributed to significant sports litigation cases, including the defense of several antitrust and FLSA cases on behalf of the NCAA and the Pac-12 challenging bylaws that prevent college athletes from being paid to play. She has also represented

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Sarah Kroll-Rosenbaum  
Lawrence P. Rochefort

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Major League Baseball, including defense of its antitrust exemption through the Ninth Circuit.

### **Sayaka Karitani**

Karitani represents companies in all aspects of litigation in state and federal courts, and in arbitration. She has a significant focus in complex class, collective, and representative actions including consumer class actions. Karitani's practice also encompasses various other types of litigation, including misappropriation of trade secrets, unfair competition, franchise disputes under the Petroleum Marketing Practices Act, and other franchisor/franchisee, real estate, and commercial contractual disputes. She has represented clients in a wide range of industries, including health care staffing, logistics, telecommunications, oil & gas, healthcare, higher education, construction, manufacturing, technology and entrepreneurial ventures, transportation, and hospitality.

### **About Akerman**

Akerman LLP is a top 100 U.S. law firm recognized among the most forward thinking firms in the industry by *Financial Times*. Its more than 700 lawyers and business professionals collaborate with the world's most successful enterprises and entrepreneurs to navigate change, seize opportunities, and help drive innovation and growth. Akerman is known for its results in middle market M&A and complex disputes, and for helping clients achieve their most important business objectives in the financial services, real estate and other dynamic sectors across the United States and Latin America.

Akerman's Litigation Practice Group has vast experience in a wide range of civil and criminal litigation, including class action defense, securities and corporate litigation, banking, white collar crime and government investigations, insurance, and real estate. The team is ranked tier one nationally by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers* in several categories including Commercial Litigation and Appellate.