

Press Release

Akerman Earns Leadership Council on Legal Diversity's Top Performer Honor

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, is pleased to announce the firm has been recognized as a 2020 Top Performer by the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) for its contributions and continued commitment to building a more diverse organization and inclusive legal profession.

The Top Performer award recognizes firms and organizations in the top 20 percent for participation in LCLD programs and activities, driving its mission of a more diverse profession forward. Akerman is a longtime partner of LCLD, with several of the firm's lawyers participating in the organization's Fellows Program. [Adrian Smith](#), partner in Akerman's Corporate Practice Group in New York, is currently part of LCLD's Class of 2020 Fellows. Previous Akerman LCLD Fellows include [Enjoliqué Lett](#), [Michael Marsh](#), [Kimberly Lopez Narbona](#), [Palash Pandya](#), [Larry Ross II](#), and [Naim Surgeon](#). Since 2011, LCLD's Fellows Program has trained more than 1,600 high-potential lawyers from diverse backgrounds.

LCLD, formed in 2009, is an organization of dynamic leaders—corporate chief legal officers and law firm managing partners—united by commitment to creating a truly diverse legal profession and

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