

Press Release

# Akerman Elevates 10 Lawyers to Firm Partnership

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, is pleased to announce that 10 lawyers have been elected to the firm's partnership, effective immediately. The new partners represent six practice groups and span six offices.

"I am pleased to announce that the following lawyers have been selected for promotion to partner for their exemplary commitment and results on behalf of our clients, our communities, and our firm," said Akerman Chairman and CEO Scott Meyers. "These promotions speak to the diversity and quality of our practices and professionals across our many markets. Please join me in congratulating these lawyers on their accomplishments."

The new partners are:

**Erin E. Edwards, Consumer Financial Services, Chicago**

Edwards represents a wide array of financial services companies in state and federal litigation, including class actions and litigation involving homeowners' association lien priority. She regularly defends financial services providers against individual and class claims brought pursuant to RESPA, TILA, FCRA, FDCPA, and TCPA.

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## Related People

Elizabeth F. Hodge  
Donnie M. King  
Kristofer D. Machado  
Scott A. Meyers  
Dale Noll  
Kathleen M. Prystowsky

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## Related Work

Consumer Financial Services, Data and Technology (CFS+)  
Government Affairs and Public Policy  
Healthcare  
Litigation  
Real Estate  
Tax

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## Related Offices

Chicago  
Denver  
Fort Lauderdale  
Miami  
New York  
West Palm Beach

**Elizabeth F. Hodge, Healthcare, West Palm Beach**

Hodge concentrates her practice on compliance and regulatory issues affecting healthcare providers and payers and employer-sponsored health plans. She has significant experience with HIPAA and the HITECH Act and assists covered entities and business associates in complying with these laws through the development of policies and procedures, workforce training, analysis and notification of breaches, and assisting with government audits and investigations.

**Donnie M. King, Litigation, Miami**

King is a national litigator with experience successfully handling complex and general commercial disputes, including high stakes securities litigation, proxy contests, securities fraud, business torts, private equity litigation, civil theft, antitrust, and sports and entertainment. His practice also includes product liability defense and the defense of traumatic personal injury actions and toxic tort cases.

**Zachary R. Kobrin, Government Affairs and Public Policy, Fort Lauderdale**

Kobrin's practice focuses on cannabis, marijuana, and hemp law and involves advising clients on the evolving, complex legal and business issues impacting companies with interests in this heavily regulated industry. He also advises clients on developing federal and state public policy matters and banking and insurance issues impacting clients in the cannabis, marijuana, and hemp industry.

**Kristofer D. Machado, Real Estate, Miami**

Machado represents clients in all aspects of real estate development, with an emphasis on providing strategic land use advice and advancing complex projects through the process of obtaining site control and securing zoning, planning, historic, environmental, and other local, state, and federal regulatory approvals. As part of his practice, Machado routinely appears before municipal zoning and planning boards and other quasi-judicial bodies,

negotiates agreements with stakeholders and regulators, and helps clients develop novel and effective entitlement strategies.

**Dale Noll, Tax, Miami**

Noll represents trustees, personal representatives, guardians, and beneficiaries in a wide variety of fiduciary issues, and assists them in their roles as fiduciaries in administering estates, guardianships, and trusts. A particular focus of his practice is the representation of corporate or individual fiduciaries, beneficiaries, and other interested parties in high conflict, complex, and high-profile guardianship, trust, and probate matters at the county probate court and appellate levels.

**Kathleen M. Prystowsky, Litigation, New York**

Prystowsky's represents clients within the real estate and hospitality sectors, including owners, lenders, and developers. Additionally, she has experience advising clients with securities litigation, corporate dissolution, shareholder agreements, and arbitration disputes.

**Jamie Z. Roth, Consumer Financial Services, Denver**

Roth represents a wide array of financial services companies in state and federal litigation including class actions and litigation involving homeowners' association lien priority. She regularly defends financial services providers against individual and class claims brought pursuant to RESPA, TILA, FCRA, FDCPA, and TCPA.

**Alexander (A.J.) Sokoloff, Real Estate, New York**

Sokoloff's practice focuses on complex real estate related transactions, including the representation of banks, REITs, debt and private equity funds, and developers in connection with mortgage, mezzanine, A/B and syndicated financings, real property acquisitions, dispositions, and leases. He has experience drafting, revising, and negotiating loan documents, intercreditor agreements, co-lender agreements, participation agreements, purchase and

sale agreements, joint venture agreements, and leases.

**Jason A. Vaupen, Real Estate, Miami**

Vaupen represents clients in the acquisition, disposition, development, financing, and leasing of hotel, office, condominium, retail, mixed-use, multifamily, self-storage, and redeveloped vacant properties. He has extensive experience in working with local and national clients such as developers, private equity funds, lenders, and family offices to negotiate, contract, and close real estate transactions.

**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.