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Three Akerman Partners Highlighted in *Crain*'s 2020 Notable Minorities in Accounting, Consulting and Law Listing

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Sergio Acosta, the Honorable Ruben Castillo, and LaKeisha Marsh are among a group of professionals highlighted in *Crain*'s 2020 Notable Minorities in Accounting, Consulting and Law listing. Crain's recognized 56 individuals who have overcome challenges and bias to rise to the top of their professions and have risen to the challenge to assist their firms in navigating the pandemic.

Acosta, co-chair of Akerman's White Collar Crime and Government Investigations Practice, is a former federal prosecutor and Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers with over 70 jury trials to his credit. He has extensive experience defending companies and individuals in criminal and regulatory proceedings, conducting internal investigations, and counseling clients on compliance programs and related issues.

Castillo, the first Latino to serve as Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, focuses his practice on corporate investigations, white collar criminal defense, private arbitration, and mediation work for litigants. In addition, he serves as chair of Akerman Bench, one of the nation's largest panels of former appellate and trial court judges, seasoned appellate lawyers, and former state and federal law clerks who provide

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Marsh is the chair of Akerman's Higher Education and Collegiate Athletics Practice and focuses her practice on representing colleges, universities, and related institutions in federal and state regulatory compliance, accreditation, state licensure, distance education programs, institutional governance, and collegiate sports and NCAA compliance-related matters. Marsh was part of an all-black female legal team representing Adtalem Global Education in its high-profile acquisition of Walden University for \$1.48 billion.

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