

Press Release

Akerman Once Again Awarded Top Honors by *Benchmark Litigation*

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced the firm has once again been ranked by *Benchmark Litigation* among the best law firms in the United States for its multi-disciplinary litigation bench. Akerman was highlighted as “highly recommended” in Florida and “recommended” in Virginia, while the firm’s Labor and Employment Practice Group earned the “recommended” recognition in Florida.

Of the 33 litigators recognized in the 2021 guide, 13 received the designation of “local litigation stars” in appellate, bankruptcy, general commercial, real estate, securities and white collar crime, and four were recognized as “future stars.” Additionally, Jacksonville Office Managing Partner [Christian George](#) and partner [Ryan Roman](#) are recognized among the publication’s Top Litigators Under 40. The latest recognitions follow *Benchmark Litigation* naming Litigation Practice Group Deputy Chair [Katherine Giddings](#) as a Top 250 U.S. Women in Litigation for a ninth consecutive year.

The Akerman lawyers and the categories in which they are recognized are listed below:

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