

Press Release

Grasford Smith Honored Among *South Florida Business Journal's* 2021 “40 Under 40”

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Top 100 U.S. law firm Akerman LLP is pleased to announced Litigation partner Grasford Smith has been honored among South Florida Business Journal’s 2021 “40 Under 40,” which recognizes 40 individuals under the age of 40 who have made an impact in their field of expertise, their community and at their companies. Honorees will celebrate their accomplishments on Friday, July 30 at The Signature Grand.

Smith focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation matters. He has experience representing a diverse range of clients, including Fortune 500 companies, government agencies, athletic leagues, technology companies, and a U.S. Congressman, in addition to a variety of small and medium-sized businesses. He handles local and nationally disputed matters concerning corporate governance, government enforcement actions, non-compete and confidentiality agreements, trade secrets, real estate matters, construction defects, franchises, products liability, eminent domain, and disciplinary/admission matters before the Florida Bar.

Smith is an active member of the West Palm Beach business and legal communities. He currently sits on the board of directors of the American Heart Association, Anquan Boldin Foundation, and Urban

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League of Palm Beach County. Additionally, he served on the City of West Palm Beach Mayor's Transition Team Committee and the Economic Development & Jobs Policy Subcommittee in 2019. On the legal front, Smith actively holds leadership roles with The Florida Bar, Palm Beach County Bar Association, Florida Supreme Court, and Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County. He also currently serves as president of the National Bar Association's Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter, vice chair of the National Bar Association's Minority Partners Division, president-elect of Palm Beach County's Black Chamber of Commerce, and past president of the F. Malcolm Cunningham Sr. Bar Association.

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