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Akerman Expands Litigation Practice Group with Partner Brenda Radmacher in Los Angeles

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm, is pleased to announce that it has expanded its Litigation Practice Group with partner <u>Brenda Radmacher</u> in Los Angeles.

"Brenda is an extremely skilled commercial litigator, who is particularly adept at resolving complex construction disputes," said Litigation Practice Group Chair Lawrence Rochefort. "Her wealth of knowledge for construction-industry clients will further strengthen the firm's litigation capabilities in Los Angeles, and enhance our remarkable bench nationally."

Radmacher focuses her practice on construction law, working as a counselor, litigator, and noted speaker on issues involving land owners, developers, general contractors, and design professionals. She has a multi-faceted practice handling litigation and providing advice and transactional counsel to her construction-industry clients. Radmacher has experience advising clients on risk management best practices, drafting critical documents, contracts, and procedures, and effectively resolving disputes.

With 25 years of experience working with construction contractors, construction managers, design professionals, developers, and owners,

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Radmacher's practice emphasizes resolving complex construction disputes through negotiation. mediation, and when necessary, arbitration and litigation, on projects in California, nationwide, and internationally. Developers, construction companies, and design professionals call on her legal and negotiation expertise for issues including course-ofconstruction disputes, claims of construction defects, and insurance issues. She has substantial experience in building envelope, water infiltration, and mold-related claims, having counseled clients with respect to hundreds of such matters. Brenda works with her clients dealing with mechanic's liens, payment disputes, bid protests, and contract and delay claims on both public and private projects. Radmacher has substantial experience and expertise in dispute resolution, including a background as a mediator and professor on negotiation and mediation.

Brenda also provides her clients with assistance on regulatory compliance, including issues involving California's Prop. 65, ADA, OSHA, and employment and COVID-19 issues. Multi-national and Fortune 500 clients rely on Brenda's knowledge and experience to navigate Prop. 65 compliance and related litigation. She also assists her construction and developer clients on employment-related concerns and issues. With the recent legalization of cannabis, she advises on issues regarding jobsite and employee compliance on construction sites, as well as in regard to the construction and renovation of facilities being used in the growth and distribution of cannabis products.

Akerman's Los Angeles office includes 40 lawyers and consultants with a wide range of experience in real estate and land use matters, labor and employment law, consumer financial services, commercial litigation, government affairs and public policy, corporate M&A and private equity transactions, cannabis law, and intellectual property, among others.

About Akerman

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Akerman's Litigation Practice Group has vast experience in a wide range of civil and criminal litigation, including class action defense, securities and corporate litigation, banking, white collar crime and government investigations, insurance, and real estate. The Litigation team is recognized nationally by *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* in several categories including Commercial Litigation, Appellate, and Real Estate Litigation.