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Akerman Partners Beth Alcalde, Meg George Recognized in *Corporate Counsel* Magazine's Women, Influence, and Power in Law Awards

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Beth Alcalde and Meg E. George of Akerman LLP have been recognized in *Corporate Counsel* Magazine's Women, Influence, and Power in Law Awards for 2021. The awards honor legal professionals who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing the empowerment of women in law. Alcalde was recognized for "Innovative Leadership," and George for "Collaborative Leadership." *Corporate Counsel* describes the honorees as "business strategists, complex problem-solvers, and, of course, great lawyers."

"Beth and Meg are both outstanding lawyers and leaders," said Scott A. Meyers, Akerman's Chairman and CEO. "We are very proud of them, and proud also that they represent scores of other talented leaders and innovators within Akerman, many of whom are also women of influence and innovation. We are thrilled that Corporate Counsel recognizes their extraordinary abilities."

A noted employee benefits lawyer, author, and speaker, Beth Alcalde represents Fortune 500 companies and other public and private entities, including those in the hospitality, healthcare, and higher education sectors, throughout the United

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States. Alcalde is a longtime member of Akerman's Board of Directors, and is also a current member of Akerman's Executive Committee. Previously she chaired the firm's Professional Development Committee, and served as managing partner of the firm's Palm Beach County offices.

Noted in *Chambers USA* as "terrific at coming up with imaginative solutions," Alcalde provides counsel on employer-sponsored benefit plans, from compliance with ERISA, the Affordable Care Act, and other federal regulations, to internal audits and benefits-related implications of corporate transactions. She assists clients in defending and responding to audits conducted by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Meg E. George is the managing partner of Akerman's Chicago office. Ranked in *Chambers USA* in Real Estate: Zoning and Land Use, George represents businesses in real estate and municipal law matters including the acquisition, and sale and development of real estate, land use and zoning, licensing, permitting, subdivision, and other real estate matters.

In addition to her thriving practice, George is a member of Akerman's Executive Committee, serves as the chair of Akerman Strong, the firm's wellness initiative, and is a member of the Chicago Sustainability Task Force.

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