

# About Akerman

We collaborate with the world's most successful enterprises and entrepreneurs to navigate change, seize opportunities, and overcome barriers to innovation and growth. Within our communities, we work to create better opportunities for the future.

Akerman is a client-driven enterprise, recognized by *Financial Times* as among the most forward thinking law firms in the industry. We are ranked among the top 100 law firms in the United States, with a reach that extends across the Americas and globally.

## Practice Highlights

**Corporate and Securities** · Advise public and private companies, including private equity funds, on M&A, capital markets transactions, financings, and other transactional matters, with a strong focus on the middle market.

Real Estate  $\cdot$  Recognized for substantial experience in complex transactions, development and construction projects, economic development incentives, environmental matters, public-private initiatives, and litigation.

**Litigation** · Comprised of trial lawyers in offices throughout the United States. Recognized for experience in civil, criminal, and general commercial litigation, appellate, and international arbitration matters.

Consumer Financial Services, Data and Technology (CFS+) · Represent banks and non-bank consumer debt originators and servicers in the areas of litigation, compliance, regulatory enforcement, and repurchase and recovery litigation, with an emphasis on investigating and prosecuting origination fraud.

**Bankruptcy and Reorganization**  $\cdot$  Serve as counsel or receiver in large bankruptcy filings. Also represent financial institutions and mortgage holders in workouts, and other secured creditors in Chapter 11 reorganizations.

**Intellectual Property** · Represent clients worldwide in all areas of intellectual property law, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, and the Internet.

**Healthcare** · Recognized for experience in regulatory, risk management, and corporate matters. Represent hospitals and health systems, health insurers and managed care organizations, physician practice groups, pharmacy-related organizations, and other industry stakeholders.

 $\textbf{Labor and Employment} \cdot \text{Represent employers in every major sector with all aspects of labor relations and employment law compliance and litigation, workplace safety, immigration, and non-compete and trade-secret issues.}$ 

Tax / Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation · Advise domestic and foreign corporations, individuals, and nonprofit institutions on international, federal, state and local tax issues, including tax planning, audit defense, tax litigation, controversy, and legislation.

**Government Affairs and Public Policy** · Comprised of a bi-partisan team of lawyers and public policy advisers experienced in appropriations, transportation, hospitality, healthcare, education, Native American affairs, and local government matters.

## Firm Recognition

Ranked Among the Top 100 U.S. Law Firms The American Lawyer

Ranked Among the "Best Law Firms" with 34 National Practice Rankings, 21 National Tier 1 Rankings, and 336 Lawyers Named as "Best Lawyers" U.S. News - Best Lawyers

Ranked Among the Best U.S. Law Firms for M&A/Corporate and Commercial – M&A Middle-Market (Sub-\$500m), Real Estate, Real Estate – Land Use/Zoning, Real Estate – Construction, Latin America: International Firms – City Focus – Miami, Labor & Employment – Immigration, and Taxes – Contentious

The Legal 500

Ranked Among the Best in International Arbitration: Latin America-Wide Chambers Global

Ranked Among the Best Law Firms for Cuba and as the Sole U.S. Law Firm to Achieve a Cuba Practice Ranking Chambers Latin America

Recognized as One of the Best Law Firms in the United States with Multistate Litigation Capabilities

### **Benchmark Litigation**

Recognized Among the Most Forwardthinking Firms in the Industry Financial Times

Ranked Among the Top Law Firms (600+ Lawyers) for Diversity and Inclusion Law360

Ranked Among the Most Diverse Law Firms in the Country and Recognized as a Top 10 Law Firm for Hispanic and African American Lawyers

#### The American Lawyer

Ranked Among the Best U.S. Law Firms with a Perfect Score for LGBT Workplace Equality Corporate Equality Index

## Practices and Sectors

- · Appellate
- · Bankruptcy and Reorganization
- Cannabis
- · Capital Markets
- · Class Action Defense
- Consumer Financial Services, Data and Technology (CFS+)
- · Corporate
- · Corporate Finance and Lending
- Cuba
- · Data Privacy and Security
- Economic Development and Incentives
- Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation
- Energy
- · Environment and Natural Resources
- Financial Institutions Commercial Litigation
- Financial Services
- · Franchise and Licensing
- · Fraud and Recovery
- Government Affairs and Public Policy
- Government Contracts
- Healthcare
- Higher Education and Collegiate Athletics
- · Hospitality and Restaurant
- Immigration Planning and Compliance
- · Insurance Litigation and Regulation
- Intellectual Property
- International Litigation and Arbitration
- · Investment Management
- · Labor and Employment
- · Land Use and Development
- · Latin America and the Caribbean
- · Litigation
- · M&A and Private Equity
- Product Liability and Mass Torts
- · Public Finance
- · Public-Private Partnerships
- Real Estate and Construction
- · SEC Receiverships and Ponzi Schemes
- Securities Litigation
- Sports
- State and Local Tax Litigation and Controversy
- · Tax
- · Technology Transactions
- · Transportation Regulation and Policy
- Trusts and Estates
- White Collar Crime and Government Investigations