



# About Us

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 known for our results in middle market M&A and complex disputes, and for helping clients achieve their most important business objectives in the financial services, real estate, and other dynamic sectors.

## Practice Highlights

**Corporate** · 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** · 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** · 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** · 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.

**Labor and Employment** · 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** · 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 102 Tier 1 Rankings Nationally and in Key U.S. Business Centers

**U.S. News - Best Lawyers**

Ranked Among the Best U.S. Law Firms for M&A, Real Estate, Construction, Land Use, and Immigration Law

**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**

Honored Among the Most Innovative Law Firms for Establishing the First Law Firm R&D Council

**Financial Times**

Honored Among the Most Innovative Law Firms for a Community Impact Giving Model Benefitting Foster Youth

**Financial Times**

#1 Among Large, Full-Service Law Firms for Highest Representation of Women Among Peer Firms

**Law360**

Ranked Among the Top 5 Firms for Hispanic Lawyers

**Law360**

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

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## Practices and Sectors

Appellate

Banking, Lending and Structured Finance

Bankruptcy and Reorganization

Cannabis

Capital Markets

Class Action Defense

Consumer Financial Services

Corporate

Cuba

Data Privacy and Security

Economic Development and Incentives

Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation

Energy

Environment and Natural Resources

Financial Institutions Commercial Litigation

Franchising and Licensing

Fraud and Recovery

Government Affairs and Public Policy

Government Contracts

Green and Sustainable Development

Healthcare

Hospitality

Immigration Planning and Compliance

Insurance Litigation and Regulation

Intellectual Property

International Litigation and Arbitration

Labor and Employment

Land Use and Urban Development

Latin America and the Caribbean

Litigation

Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity

Products Liability and Mass Torts

Public Finance

Public-Private Partnerships

Real Estate

Restaurants

SEC Receiverships

Securities Litigation

Sports

State and Local Tax Litigation and Controversy

Tax

Transportation and Public Infrastructure

Trusts and Estates

White Collar Crime and Government Investigations

700+ lawyers

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