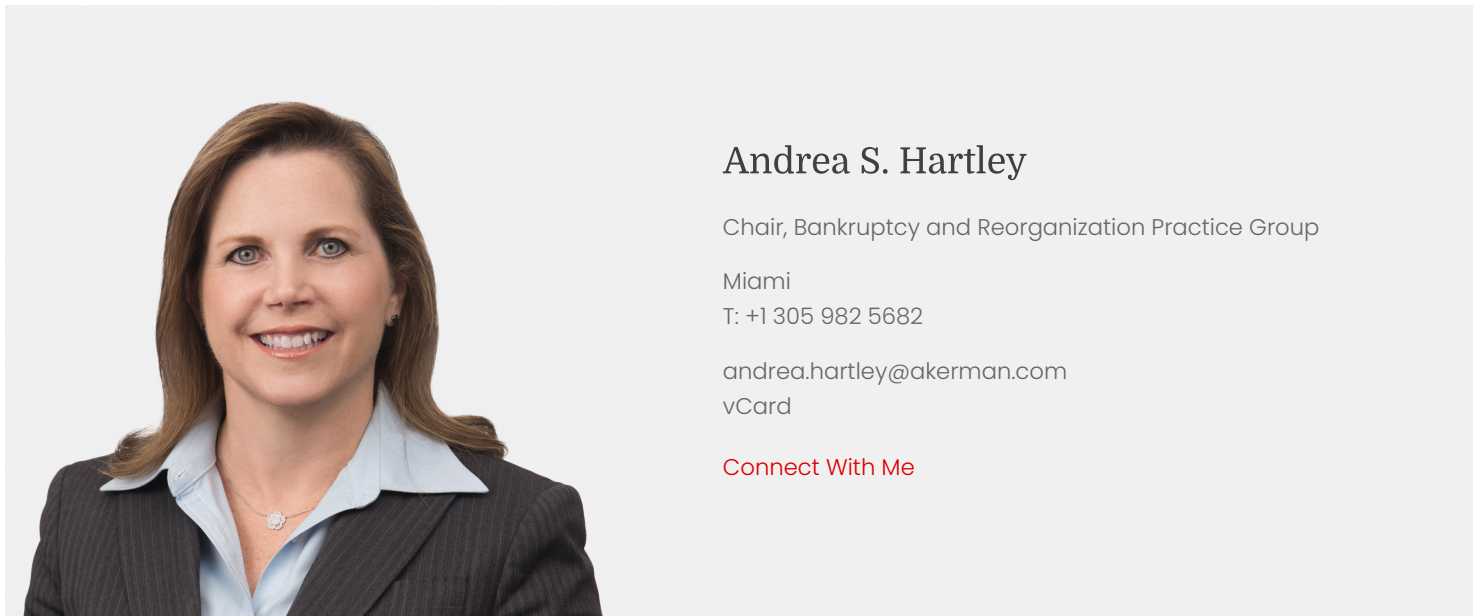


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- *Chambers USA*

Andrea Hartley is the chair of Akerman’s Bankruptcy and Reorganization Practice Group, a nationally recognized team serving as bankruptcy counsel or receivers in many of the largest bankruptcy filings in the United States.

Andrea has extensive experience in cross-border insolvencies, including Chapter 15 cases, and counsels clients on business reorganizations and liquidations, workouts, debt restructurings, assignments for the benefit of creditors, and creditors’ rights. She also litigates fraudulent conveyance and preferential transfer matters. She represents a variety of industry sectors, including healthcare, retail, and real estate, acting on behalf of corporate debtors, receivers and foreign representatives, secured and unsecured creditors, and purchasers of troubled companies and their assets, both in and out of bankruptcy court.

Respected as a leader in bankruptcy law, Andrea served as National Chair of the 17,000-member Law Practice Division of the American Bar Association (ABA). She is also a past Chair of the ABA Women Rainmakers and a Fellow of the ABA. Andrea also served as only the third female president of the Miami-Dade Bar in its then 95-year history.

### Notable Work

**Chapter 15:** Represent an individual and two Florida LLCs in defending numerous fraudulent transfer and alter ego claims in a bankruptcy adversary proceeding initiated by a Canadian-based bankruptcy trustee in a Chapter 15 cross-border insolvency

### Areas of Experience

Bankruptcy and Reorganization  
 Assignments for the Benefit of Creditors  
 Bankruptcy Trustees and Court Appointed Fiduciaries  
 Chapter 11 Business Debtors  
 International Insolvency  
 Commercial Landlord-Tenant Bankruptcy  
 Distressed Transactions and Corporate Restructuring  
 Creditors’ Committees  
 Distressed Property  
 Preference and Fraudulent Transfer Litigation  
 Secured Creditors and Debtor-in-Possession Financing  
 Financial Services  
 Distressed and Special Assets  
 Buying and Selling Assets (Section 363 Sales)

### Education

J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 1990  
 B.S., University of Florida, 1987, with honors

### Admissions

#### Bars

Florida

#### Courts

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida  
 U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida  
 U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida  
 U.S. Supreme Court

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 June 05, 2026

proceeding. The bankruptcy court granted Akerman's motion to dismiss on *forum non conveniens* grounds, and the ruling was then affirmed in two appeals.

**Chapter 15:** Represent the principals of the Brazilian arm of a UK department store in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida. The Brazilian proceeding included claims of over \$90 million. On behalf of the principals, Akerman successfully obtained a dismissal of a related adversary proceeding with prejudice.

**Chapter 15:** Represent an e-commerce advertising platform in the Chapter 15 bankruptcy proceedings of Knijnik Participações S.A, a Brazilian engineering and project management company. Knijnik obtained recognition in the Southern District of Florida.

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**363 Sale:** Represent a Tokyo-based private equity firm in funding and section 363 sale acquisition of Catalina Marketing Japan K.K., the Japanese subsidiary of a Florida-based data and marketing services provider Catalina Marketing Corporation.

**363 Sale:** Represent the owner and operator of a continuing care retirement community in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing in the Middle District of Florida. Facilitating a sale of the property to the lender with a credit bid of \$58 million.

**Republic Metals Corporation and its affiliated debtors:** Represent Republic Metals Corporation, one of the largest refiners of gold, silver, and precious metals in North America, and its seven wholly owned affiliates in its Chapter 11 case in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. The restructuring included negotiations and workouts with eight of the world's largest precious metals lenders collectively holding over \$200 million in secured debt and metal lease lines. After completion of a 363 sale of the company's assets to a Japanese competitor, the balance of the case revolved around complex litigation from leading metal suppliers and vendors asserting over \$100 million in competing claims to a \$225 million asset pool.

**Secured Creditor Litigation:** Represent large, national financial institutions in bankruptcy court in connection with debtor-in-possession financing, the enforcement of lien rights, sale of lender's collateral, plan issues, and relief from the automatic stay.

**Buffets, LLC and its affiliated debtors:** Represent Buffets, LLC one of the largest operators of buffet style restaurants in the United States with approximately 150 stores operating in more than 25 states. Buffets was the primary obligor on several term notes with an aggregate principal amount of \$46,168,000 as well as having over \$60 million in unsecured debt.

**Remington Outdoor Company, Inc.:** Represent one of the largest unsecured creditors in Remington's Chapter 11 case in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

Akerman Expands Bankruptcy Practice With Partner  
Luke Murley in Wilmington  
March 18, 2026

Akerman Named Among *Global Restructuring*  
*Review's* GRR 100  
November 24, 2025

**Published Work and Lectures**

- 7th Annual Asset Recovery International Conference, Speaker, “Foreign Recognition of Office Holders and Use of Analogous Disclosure and Discovery as a Route to Securing Information and Achieving Recovery and Reorganisation,” February 7, 2025
- Harneys Insolvency Insights Seminar, Speaker, “Recognition and Assistance in International Insolvencies,” April 24, 2024
- *ABI Journal*, Co-Author, “Second Circuit’s Purdue Decision Intensifies Debate,” September 2023
- IBA Deals, Disruptions and Growth Areas in the Americas Conference, Moderator, “Bankruptcy in the Americas: Trends and Best Practices in the Wake of the Pandemic,” December 7, 2021
- National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, Speaker, “Almost Everything You Wanted to Know About Evidence”
- ABA Business Law Section, Speaker, “The 1, 2, 3s of Financial Statements”
- ABA Business Law Section, Panelist, Institute for the New Business Lawyer
- ABA Business Law Section, “Present Use of Legislative History”
- The Florida Bar, Speaker, “How Bankruptcy May Impact Commercial Litigation”
- University of Miami, Speaker, “Everything You want to Know About How Bankruptcy Affects Your Business Law Practice”
- The Florida Bar, Speaker, “Basic Bankruptcy Code and Rules You Must Know In A Nutshell”

## Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Law Practice Division, Chair (2010-2011)
- American Bar Association, Business Law Section Fellow, Business Bankruptcy Co-Chair of Sub-Committee
- The Florida Bar, Bankruptcy U.C.C. Committee, Member
- Miami-Dade Bar, President (2011-2012)
- Bankruptcy Bar Association for Southern District of Florida, Member
- University of Florida, Levin College of Law, Board of Trustees

## Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2011-2026, Listed in Florida for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation - Bankruptcy
- *Chambers USA*, 2018-2026, 2012-2013, Ranked in Florida (South Florida) for Bankruptcy/Restructuring
- *South Florida Business Journal*, Recognized as One of 2023’s “Most Influential Business Women”
- Miami-Dade Bar, Circle of Excellence Award, 2023
- *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2006, 2012-2025, Listed in Florida for Bankruptcy: Business
- National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), Emerging Leader, 2014
- *Business Leader Magazine*, 2012, Recognized as a “South Florida Women Extraordinaire”