

About Akerman

Akerman LLP is a leading transactions and trial law firm known for its core strengths in middle market M&A, within the financial services and real estate sectors, and for a diverse Latin America practice. With more than 650 lawyers and government affairs professionals and a network of 24 offices, we are ranked among the top 100 law firms in the United States by *The American Lawyer* (2017). Akerman also is ranked among the top 60 law firms for diversity in *The American Lawyer's Diversity Scorecard* (2016).

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.

Fraud & Recovery • Provide comprehensive fraud management services for clients in the financial services, insurance, healthcare, and retail sectors with a focus on fraud litigation, Ponzi schemes, and corporate theft.

Bankruptcy & 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 & 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 & 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

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Ranked Among the 'Best Law Firms' with
83 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

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Ranked Among the Top 60 U.S. Law Firms
for Diversity and Top 25 Firms for Female
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