

Akerman Continues New York Office Growth

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, announced the continued expansion of its second largest office, with the addition of New York partners John Campo and Sanford Davis. Campo joins Akerman from Troutman Sanders, bringing experience in complex bankruptcy and business restructuring within the real estate and financial services sectors. Davis joins from Withers Bergman LLP, bringing transactional tax experience.

“New York is a vital and dynamic market for Akerman and our clients,” said Steven Polivy, Akerman’s New York office managing partner and chair of the Economic Development & Incentives Practice. “We are pleased to continue to attract highly skilled professionals who enhance our core strengths across a diverse range of client sectors.”

In a release, the firm described the new partners:

John Campo

Campo is a partner in the Bankruptcy & Reorganization Practice Group. He represents debtors, trustees, creditors, equity holders, and asset purchasers in Chapter 11 and large, complex Chapter 7 cases, as well as out-of-court workouts. He has been involved in many large, complex bankruptcy proceedings and has served as an operating Chapter 11 trustee in cases in both the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. Notably he served as the Chapter 11 trustee in Maywood Capital Corp., a multi-debtor proceeding involving a \$200 million real estate Ponzi scheme. Campo also has served as the lead lawyer in numerous reported circuit court, district court, and Bankruptcy Court decisions. His cases have been featured in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The American Lawyer. He

also has appeared on CNBC's "American Greed."

Sanford Davis

Davis is a partner in the Tax Practice Group. He advises privately held and publicly traded companies, high net worth investors, and investment funds on a broad range of U.S. and international tax matters. His practice is both transactional and advisory, focusing on corporate, M&A, partnership, finance, joint venture and international taxation. He has extensive M&A experience on the buy and sell side, assisting private equity and portfolio companies, strategic players and closely-held businesses to achieve tax efficiencies, benefits and value-add. Davis' cross-border experience is both in-bound and outbound, addressing corporate reorganization, Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act (FIRPTA), tax nexus, sourcing, withholding, effective rate minimization and deferral, controlled foreign corporations (CFC) and passive foreign investment companies (PFIC), transfer pricing, foreign tax credit and treaty issues. In addition, he has represented clients in federal and state tax controversy matters, and obtained a landmark corporate tax victory at the federal appellate level *Falconwood Corp. v. U.S.*, precluding application of the step-transaction doctrine in a multi-step, single day reorganization in the consolidated return context.

Campo and Davis join one of the fastest-growing law firms in New York. Lateral Link revealed Akerman had the third most lateral gains in the market over the last year, expanding the New York office to more than 100 lawyers and business professionals. Recent additions include the firm's first OnRamp fellow and a former leader of the American Civil Liberties Union Sara Mandelbaum; litigation partner Joshua Bernstein from Pryor Cashman; real estate transactional partner Thomas Diorio from Nixon Peabody; healthcare transactional partners Martin Monaco and William Weiner from Duane Morris, and tax partner Ira Stechel from Wormser,

Kiely Galef & Jacobs LLP, among others.