

Akerman Adds New York Partner Barbara Edwards

Akerman LLP announced the addition of partner Barbara Edwards in New York. She joins the Corporate Finance and Lending Practice from Shearman & Sterling.

“Barbara’s practice is a strong addition to our growing corporate group,” said Jonathan Awner, Corporate Practice Group Co-Chair. “Her experience in complex finance transactions advances our capabilities for borrowers, lenders and other corporate clients across the U.S. and internationally.”

In a release, the firm said Edwards works with clients on all aspects of complex finance transactions in the U.S. and international markets, including emerging markets. With more than 20 years of practice, she has represented private and public companies, including Fortune 500 companies, private equity sponsors, hedge funds and other financial institutions in their financing activities. She has represented borrowers and lenders in all aspects of financing transactions and represents clients in a wide array of industries including the automotive, coal, financial services, gaming, healthcare and life sciences, industrials, infrastructure, natural and renewable resources, media, power and energy, retail and telecommunications sectors. Edwards has experience in investment grade financings and maintains a particular focus on public company financings and power projects financings.

The firm’s Corporate Practice Group has expanded the team’s national footprint with 16 lawyers in Austin, Chicago, Miami, New York, Orlando and Washington, D.C. this year to date. In addition to Edwards, lateral partners include Michael O’Brien from Vedder Price, Ted Rosen from Fox Rothschild, Peter Eccles from Foley and Lardner, and Robert Stein from Kirkland & Ellis

in New York, Robert Winner from Seyfarth Shaw in Chicago, Todd Reed and Bentley Harris from Reed & Scardino in Austin, and Karyn Koiffman from Baker McKenzie in Washington, D.C.