

# **Akerman Expands National Litigation Bench with Sarah Kroll-Rosenbaum, Sayaka Karitani in Los Angeles**

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, is growing its national Litigation Practice Group with partners Sarah Kroll-Rosenbaum and Sayaka Karitani in Los Angeles.

## **Sarah Kroll-Rosenbaum**

Kroll-Rosenbaum's practice focuses on defending companies in complex litigation. Over the last four years, she has led the defense of nearly a dozen temporary healthcare staffing companies in class, collective, and representative actions attacking the industry's business model. In these cases, and others, Kroll-Rosenbaum has argued extensively in California state and federal courts, including the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Kroll-Rosenbaum has also contributed to significant sports litigation cases, including the defense of several antitrust and FLSA cases on behalf of the NCAA and the Pac-12 challenging bylaws that prevent college athletes from being paid to play. She has also represented Major League Baseball, including defense of its antitrust exemption through the Ninth Circuit.

## **Sayaka Karitani**

Karitani represents companies in all aspects of litigation in state and federal courts, and in arbitration. She has a significant focus in complex class, collective, and representative actions including consumer class actions. Karitani's practice also encompasses various other types of litigation, including misappropriation of trade secrets, unfair competition, franchise disputes under the Petroleum

Marketing Practices Act, and other franchisor/franchisee, real estate, and commercial contractual disputes. She has represented clients in a wide range of industries, including health care staffing, logistics, telecommunications, oil & gas, healthcare, higher education, construction, manufacturing, technology and entrepreneurial ventures, transportation, and hospitality.