

# Akerman Expands Winston-Salem Office with Three Tax, Litigation Lawyers

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced the expansion of its office in Winston-Salem, North Carolina with the addition of tax lawyer Robert Wall and litigators Bryan Scott and Steven Hemric. Wall's broad experience in strategic tax planning complements the office's strengths in corporate and investment management transactions. Scott and Hemric deepen Akerman's national litigation bench with experience resolving complex commercial and construction matters.

Akerman's Winston-Salem office opened in 2019 as Akerman's 25th office location and as part of the firm's national growth strategy to meet increasing client demand in financial and business centers across the United States. Foley helped establish the office, along with Associate Kiki Scarff and Practice Group Attorney Bree Ward. The team joined from Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, bringing experience in fund formation, investment adviser regulation and securities matters.

**Robert Wall: Partner, Tax**

Wall focuses his practice on representing corporations, entities, and individuals on strategic tax planning matters and best practices. Specifically, he advises clients on matters pertaining to federal and state income tax laws and how to minimize the impact of taxes on business transactions. He advocates on matters before the Internal Revenue Service and state departments of revenue on client issues, including audits and appeals from audit determinations, compliance, collections, and U.S. Tax Court matters.

**Bryan Scott: Partner, Litigation**

Scott focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, construction law, and creditors' rights. His range of experience include contract disputes, collections and foreclosures, lender liability, title issues, insurance coverage, warranty claims, secured transactions, patent and trademark infringement, unfair trade practices and competition, shareholder disputes, fiduciary claims, and products liability. In his construction law practice, Scott represents public and private owners, developers, contractors, lenders, and insurers on the full scope of issues that may arise in the construction industry.

**Steven Hemric: Associate, Litigation**

Hemric focuses his practice on commercial litigation and advising construction industry clients in the negotiations of commercial and residential construction contracts, in addition to resolution of jobsite disputes on public and private construction projects, scheduling and delay claims, defect claims, and payment claims. He also counsels insurance carriers on coverage and financial responsibility obligations in a variety of coverage situations and industries.