

# **Akerman Partner Kevin Hein Appointed as New Office Managing Partner in Denver**

Top 100 U.S. law firm Akerman LLP is pleased to announce that Kevin Hein has been appointed as the new Office Managing Partner for the Denver office. In addition to taking on this role, Hein serves with Warren Lewis as a co-chair of our Franchise and Licensing Sector Team, a highly experienced group handling U.S. and international franchising, licensing, dealership and trademark counseling, registration and litigation matters for franchisors, licensors, subfranchisors, dealers, and other business clients. For more than two decades, Hein has focused his practice on counseling companies that rely on franchising as part of their distribution models on a wide range of legal issues, including state and federal disclosure requirements, compliance with state relationship laws, franchise sales compliance, restaurant and retail development, franchising in the health and wellness industries, mergers and acquisitions, corporate counseling, bankruptcy and reorganization, and dispute resolution.

Akerman's franchise and licensing team assists franchise companies of all sizes as they confront numerous legal challenges—from compliance with federal, state, and international laws and regulations, the purchase and sale of corporate and franchised locations and the acquisition and sale of entire franchise systems, the documentation and facilitation of international outbound transactions, the protection of trademarks and other intellectual property, to changes in the areas of brand standards, product safety, joint employer, officer and vicarious liability, cybersecurity, encroachment, antitrust, and unfair competition. The group works with clients in all phases of franchising, licensing, and distribution in the United States, and in association with

law firms in other countries, around the world.