

# **Akerman Strengthens Intellectual Property Litigation Capabilities with Alejandro Fernandez and Stephen Leahu**

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, is pleased to announce that it has enhanced its Intellectual Practice Group with the addition of Alejandro Fernandez and Stephen Leahu. Fernandez and Leahu, both Board Certified by The Florida Bar in Intellectual Property (IP) and registered patent attorneys, practice in Akerman's office in Tampa. They bring a deep understanding of IP protection and enforcement, further strengthening the firm's capabilities in advanced software, artificial intelligence, manufacturing, and medical device industries.

Fernandez is a versatile IP counselor and litigator. For nearly twenty years, Fernandez has represented clients in every stage of IP litigation around the country. During that time, he has also negotiated many IP agreements and drafted countless heavy-duty patents in varied technical fields. His collaborative approach and IP knowhow has led colleagues and former opposing counsel to refer clients to Fernandez or co-counsel with him in later cases.

Leahu partners with clients to protect and enforce their rights in all areas of intellectual property, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade dress, domain names, unfair competition, idea misappropriation, and trade secrets. He is actively involved in patent prosecution, post-grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, litigation, licensing and the counseling of clients on their

product development, and transactions concerning intellectual property rights. Leahu represents clients in intellectual property litigation in various state and federal courts and before the International Trade Commission (ITC).