Akerman Trusts & Estates Partner Paul Collins in NY Office

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm, has announced the continued expansion of its Tax Practice Group with the addition of veteran trusts and estates partner **Paul Collins** in New York. He joins the firm from Schiff Hardin.

“Paul brings many years of experience in trusts and estates planning, probate and fiduciary disputes,” said **Jonathan Gopman**, chair of Akerman’s Trusts & Estates Practice. “He will be a trusted resource for clients who need help navigating the delicate situations that often arise in family-related disputes and wealth preservation strategies.”

Collins has more than 30 years of experience in the planning and administration of trusts and estates, both domestic and international.

“His particular strength is in fiduciary litigation, such as contested probate and accounting matters, guardianships, disputes over inherited property, and the construction of wills and trusts,” the firm said in a release. “He has represented clients in the Surrogate’s Courts and other courts in New York, as well as Connecticut courts, and often seeks to resolve disputes through mediation or arbitration.”

Collins has represented various charitable organizations in establishing and then advising on their ongoing operations. He has also administered the estates of a number of authors and artists.

Collins joins one of the country’s leading tax teams, according to Law360, which recently named Akerman “**Tax Practice Group of the Year**” for achieving some of the greatest

client successes in the industry. Akerman’s Tax Practice Group continues to see rapid growth in the New York market. Collins is the sixth partner to join the office since January, including labor and employment litigators **Bran Noonan** and **Sarir Silver** from Gordon & Rees; corporate lawyers **Lorenzo Borgogni** from Proskauer Rose and **Jack Habert** from Willkie Farr & Gallagher, and real estate transactions lawyer **Dianne Greenberg Penchina** from DGP Partners.