Akerman's Dale Noll Named President-Elect of National LGBT Bar Association

Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm, announced that trusts and estates lawyer **Dale Noll** has been appointed president-elect of the National Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Bar Association.

Noll will be installed as president of the country's largest organization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allied legal professionals in 2017. During his tenure, he will preside over the 28th annual Lavender Law Conference and Career Fair, a leading industry event that brings together lawyers, law students, law firms and government agencies to exchange information about the important issues impacting the LGBT community. As president, Noll also will work with the board of directors to advance the National LGBT Bar Association's mission to promote advocacy and equal access to the law for the diverse LGBT community.

In a release, the firm said Noll is a devoted LGBT advocate. He joined the National LGBT Bar Association in 2012, where he served on its finance committee for two years, and was then appointed to the board of directors as Association Treasurer. He was the 2015 co-chair of the Miami Dade County Gay and Lesbian Lawyers Association and was previously a gala committee member of the Broward County Gay and Lesbian Lawyers Network. He regularly speaks on marriage equality and estate planning issues for alternative families and same sex couples.

At Akerman, Noll represents trustees, personal representatives and beneficiaries in a wide variety of fiduciary issues and assists them in their roles as fiduciaries in administering estates and trusts. A particular focus of his practice is the

representation of fiduciaries, beneficiaries and other interested parties in high-conflict, complex, and high-profile guardianship, trust and probate matters.

Akerman is a longtime champion of diversity in the legal profession and a demonstrated leader in the LGBT business community. In 2016, Akerman received its second perfect 100 percent rating on the 2016 Corporate Equality Index (CEI), the national benchmarking survey administered by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation for workplace inclusion and equality, and has earned the “Best Place to Work for LGBT Equality” distinction. Akerman also was ranked for another consecutive year among the nation’s top 50 law firms for diversity by *The American Lawyer*. The collective recognition Akerman has received is a testament to the firm’s continuing hiring and professional development practices that support a diverse group of men and women.