

Akerman Announces Expansion into Atlanta and Winston-Salem With Two Offices

Akerman LLP announced the firm's expansion in Atlanta and Winston-Salem, N.C., marking the establishment of the firm's 24th and 25th offices within seven months.

In a release, the firm said the expansion is part of a national growth strategy to meet increasing client demand in major financial and business centers across the United States and in areas of core strength.

Akerman is expanding its presence in Atlanta with the addition of Corporate Practice Group partners R. William "Bill" Ide and Amanda Leech. The firm said Ide and Leech have transactional and governance experience, having represented numerous large corporations, Fortune 100 companies, and boards of directors in merger and acquisition (M&A) transactions, general corporate governance and compliance, and board risk management reviews. Ide's background as a former in-house counsel gives him strong insight into the day-to-day needs and demands confronting clients.

Ide and Leech join Healthcare partners Sidney Welch, Jeremy Burnette, and Amy Jeon McCullough, who formally launched Akerman's Atlanta office in September 2018. The team has experience in healthcare litigation, transactions and regulatory compliance for a range of providers, including healthcare systems, specialty physician practices and associations, and technology companies. Welch serves as the Atlanta Office Managing Partner.

Akerman also announced Paul Foley as chair of the Investment Management Practice. Foley joins Akerman in Winston-Salem, with experience in investment fund formation and fund

offerings. Associates Caroline "Kiki" Scarff and Shea "Bree" Ward also join Foley in the Winston-Salem office.