

# Akerman Names New Office Managing Partners in Jacksonville and Tampa

Akerman LLP has announced that **Christian George** has been appointed office managing partner of the Jacksonville office, and **Irene Bassel Frick** has been appointed office managing partner of the Tampa office.

“Christian and Irene are outstanding stewards of Akerman, who are helping us advance the needs of our clients and achieve impact in the community,” said Andrew Smulian, Akerman Chairman and CEO. “They are valuable additions to our management team and we look forward to their many contributions.”

In a release, the firm said:

George is a partner in Akerman’s Litigation Practice Group and most recently served as the local practice group leader for the Jacksonville office. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the Jacksonville Bar Association and is the president-elect of the Young Lawyers Division of The Florida Bar. George represents businesses and individuals in a broad range of commercial litigation issues, with an emphasis on counseling clients in the financial services sector. His work is recognized by Benchmark Litigation, Jacksonville Business Journal, and other publications.

Frick also is a partner in Akerman’s Litigation Practice Group and is a member of the firm’s Client Experience Team. She previously served as a member of the firm’s Associate Professional Evaluation Committee. In the community, Frick is a founder and member of the Bay Area Legal Services Pearl Society and previously served as the president of the Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers. She represents

businesses, financial institutions and insurers in a variety of business disputes, with an emphasis on class action defense and ERISA litigation. She is recognized for her work by the Florida Association for Women Lawyers as well as The Best Lawyers in America and other publications.

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