

# Akerman Adds Finance Partner Robert J. Stein in New York

Akerman LLP announced it has expanded its corporate, finance and private equity practice with the addition of corporate finance partner Robert J. Stein in New York.

Previously a partner in the debt finance group of an international law firm, Stein joins Akerman as the co-chair of its Corporate Finance and Lending Practice.

“Robby is a well-respected and exceptionally talented finance lawyer, whose extensive experience will deepen our strength in effectively and rapidly closing private equity and other corporate transactions while effectively mitigating risk,” said Carl Roston, co-chair of Akerman’s Corporate Practice Group. “Robby’s practice is a perfect complement to our growing corporate group and his addition further advances our capabilities in serving sophisticated private equity and other corporate clients nationwide.”

In a release, the firm said Stein focuses primarily on acquisition and other leveraged financing transactions for private equity sponsors, their portfolio companies, and other public and private companies. His recent work has included representing sponsor-backed clients in a wide array of sectors, including business services, consumer, healthcare, industrials, manufacturing, restaurants, software-as-a-service (SaaS) and other technology sectors and travel.

“Robby is an adept practitioner with the energy, vision and skills to co-chair our Corporate Finance and Lending Practice,” said Jonathan Awner, co-chair of Akerman’s Corporate Practice Group. “We are confident he will contribute to the growth and diversification of our practice and will help us continue to distinguish ourselves in corporate, M&A,

finance and private equity work.”

Stein holds a J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and executive editor of the Columbia Journal of Environmental Law, and a B.A. from the University of Michigan.