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### **AALRR Ranked by Law360 in the Top Ten Nationally for Minority Equity Partners and for Minority Attorneys in General**

CERRITOS, CALIF. Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (AALRR) has been recognized by Law360 as the second best law firm in the country for minority equity partners and the ninth best in the country for minority attorneys in general. After surveying over 300 firms, Law360 made two lists: a ranking of the Top 50 Firms for Minority Equity Partners based on the firms' percentage of minority equity partners; and a ranking of the Top 100 Firms for Minority Attorneys based on the firms' minority representation of partners and non-partners and its total number of minority attorneys. AALRR ranked in the top ten on both lists.

Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo has received many other accolades for its diversity. *California Lawyer Magazine* recently named AALRR as the most diverse firm for partners among all California law firms. Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. gave AALRR its 2014 National Diversity Excellence Award.

AALRR is highly committed to hiring, keeping, and promoting minority attorneys. A diverse group of AALRR attorneys conducts employment interviews. This helps attorneys from minority backgrounds feel more welcome and at ease while also giving the firm broad perspectives in making hiring decisions. AALRR has had longstanding mentoring and networking opportunities, which have recently been formalized with a new "AALRR Diversity and Inclusion Initiative." The Initiative focuses on promoting diversity and inclusion within the firm and in the community.

"We're very pleased, but not at all surprised to be recognized as one of the top firms in the country for minority attorneys," said Mark Palin, AALRR's Managing Partner. "We believe having a diverse group of attorneys who can and do advance to the equity partnership level is good for our firm, our clients, and the community at large."

#### **About Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo**

With over 35 years of unwavering commitment to client service, [AALRR](#) is one of California's leading law firms. Our diverse team brings a seasoned perspective to California's complex legal landscape for [public](#) and [private](#) entities, with particular strength in the areas of [education](#), [labor and employment](#), [construction](#), [complex litigation](#), [corporate](#), [taxation](#), and [white collar](#) law. Our public sector clients include more than 400 K-12 school districts, community college districts and universities, as well as cities, counties and special districts. We also represent diverse business entities, from small, family-run businesses to publicly traded corporations. At 160 lawyers and growing, AALRR has eight offices in [Cerritos](#), [Fresno](#), [Irvine](#), [Pasadena](#), [Pleasanton](#), [Riverside](#), [Sacramento](#) and [San Diego](#) to serve our clients throughout California. For more information about AALRR, visit our website at [www.aalrr.com](#) and sign up for our blogs, [www.aalrreducationlaw.com](#), [www.aalrremploymentlaw.com](#), and [www.aalrrlaborrelationslaw.com](#).