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Three Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2016

CERRITOS, Calif. —Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo is pleased to announce that William Tolin Gay, Terry Tao and John James were named for inclusion in the 22nd Edition of *The Best Lawyers In America*®. William Tolin Gay was named in the practice areas of Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, and Mergers and Acquisitions Law. Terry Tao, was listed in the Government Contracts practice area, and John James was included in the practice area of Tax Law. Both William and John have earned this honor for multiple years.

William Tolin Gay has more than 30 years of experience as a business/corporate lawyer, with extensive experience working with domestic and foreign clients in securities, real estate, intellectual property, and franchising. William has been selected as one of *The Best Lawyers In America*®, 2006-2015; and was named “Corporate Lawyer of the Year” for Orange County by *Best Lawyers*®, in 2009, 2013 and 2015.

Terry Tao is a senior partner with more than 24 years of experience, practicing primarily in the areas of public works construction law, school construction, architectural malpractice, construction contract administration, ADA physical barrier claims, land use, and environmental law. He represents school districts, owners and public entities. He is a licensed California Architect and handles all forms of construction from agreements, State Funding, counseling and litigation.. This is the first time Terry has been included as one of *The Best Lawyers In America*®.

John James has more than 35 years of experience as a business/tax lawyer, with extensive experience working with business, entrepreneurs and investors in negotiating, structuring and documenting transactions in a variety of industries. John has been selected as one of *The Best Lawyers In America*® since 2006 and was named “Corporate Lawyer of the Year” for Orange County by *Best Lawyers*® in 2012.

Since it was first published in 1983, *Best Lawyers*® has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. Best Lawyers lists are compiled based on an exhaustive peer-review evaluation. For the 2016 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 6.7 million votes were analyzed, which resulted in more than 55,000 leading lawyers being included in the new edition. Lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed; therefore inclusion in Best Lawyers is considered a singular honor. Corporate Counsel magazine has called Best Lawyers "the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice."

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