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**Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo Tops California Lawyer Magazine’s  
List on Diversity for the Third Year in a Row**

*California Lawyer Magazine 2014 Rankings Recognize AALRR’s Commitment to Diversity*

CERRITOS, Calif. —[Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo](#) (AALRR) is proud to announce that its long-held and demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion has been recognized again by California Lawyer Magazine for the third consecutive year. In this year’s ranking, AALRR placed first among all California firms for diversity among partners, with nearly 25 percent of its partners having diverse backgrounds. AALRR also placed eighth on the list for the highest percentage (more than 28 percent) of female partners. According to a 2013 study released by the National Association for Law Placement, Inc., the national average of minority partners is 7 percent and women account for 20 percent.<sup>1</sup>

**Minority and Female Partners at California’s 50 Largest Firms**

MINORITY PARTNERS			FEMALE PARTNERS		
<b>HIGHEST</b>	<b>Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud &amp; Romo</b>	<b>24.3%</b>	<b>HIGHEST</b>	Jackson Lewis	37.5%
	Kirkland & Ellis	23.2%		Winston & Strawn	34.0%
	Munger, Tolles & Olson	22.4%		Best Best & Krieger	33.7%
	Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith	21.1%		Hanson Bridgett	31.9%
	Perkins Cole	20.8%		Littler Mendelson	31.2%
	Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	20.6%		Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith	29.9%
	Reed Smith	18.8%		Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi	29.0%
	Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear	17.8%		<b>Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud &amp; Romo</b>	<b>28.4%</b>
	McDermott Will & Emery	17.6%		Sedgwick	28.2%
	Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	16.7%		Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	27.8%

Managing Partner James Romo remarked, “Our clients appreciate that our firm reflects the diversity of the local communities they serve. Many of our attorneys and staff are bilingual, facilitating greater communication and collaboration in litigation, counseling and business planning.”

The firm’s continued focus on diversity also attracts top attorneys to the firm. The firm climbed to number 38 on California Lawyer’s list of 50 largest law firms in the state. Mr. Romo commented, “We feel our diversity is a significant factor for entry level or lateral candidates who are considering our firm. We are proud to be an inclusive firm for attorneys of all backgrounds.”

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.nalp.org/lawfirmdiversity\\_2013](http://www.nalp.org/lawfirmdiversity_2013)

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

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