

**NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JUNE 5, 2017**

Contact: Jane Guesnon
iguesnon@aalrr.com | (562) 653-3409

Super Lawyers Recognizes Seven AALRR Attorneys as Rising Stars

Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (AALRR) is pleased to announce that seven firm attorneys have been selected to the 2017 Southern California Rising Stars list, which spotlights exceptional attorneys aged 40 and younger or those in practice for 10 years or less. The list is compiled annually by Super Lawyers, a national ratings service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas. The selection process includes a statewide survey of lawyers, an independent research evaluation of candidates, and peer reviews by practice area. No more than 2.5% of attorneys in the state are selected, making the designation a prestigious honor.

“We take great pride in our firm’s ability to attract and develop top talent, and are honored to see our attorneys consistently recognized on the list of Rising Stars year after year,” comments Managing Partner Mark Palin. “Each attorney on this year’s list provides outstanding value to their team and to AALRR as a whole. We’re grateful for their contributions.”

This year’s honorees include attorneys specializing in litigation, employment law, and education law, among other practice areas.



Brigham Cheney, a partner in the firm’s Cerritos and Irvine offices, represents employers in all aspects of labor and employment law. Mr. Cheney’s long list of accomplishments includes successful results in the trials of two class actions and obtaining victories for his clients in class and representative claims under the California Labor Code and various “living wage” and “worker retention” laws. Mr. Cheney has published numerous articles concerning cutting-edge labor and employment law issues, including the May 2017 cover article for *California Labor & Employment Law Review: Official Publication of the State Bar of California Labor and Employment Law Section*. This is his eighth year on the Rising Stars list.



Brent Garrett is a partner in the firm’s Cerritos and Irvine offices and a member of the firm’s Private Labor and Employment Group. He exclusively represents management in labor and employment matters. A leader in his field, Mr. Garrett routinely appears before the National Labor Relations Board and regularly trains management teams on the National Labor Relations Act. This is his second year on the Rising Stars list of California.



Brooke Jimenez, a senior associate at AALRR’s Riverside office, represents California public school and community college districts and county offices of education in the areas of education law, employee discipline, harassment and discrimination complaints, and contract administration. She also handles general litigation matters, including discovery, depositions, mediations, and appeals. Ms. Jimenez was named one of the Top Women Attorneys in Southern California by Super Lawyers. This is her third time on the Southern California Rising Stars list.



Stephen McLoughlin, senior counsel at AALRR's Cerritos office, advises public and private agencies on a wide variety of transactional and litigation issues. He represents education clients—including California community college districts, universities, and school districts—in grievance arbitrations, administrative hearings, and civil litigation in state and federal court. He also provides advice and counsel concerning compliance with Title IX, transgender matters, construction-related issues, and other matters. This is the second year Mr. McLoughlin has been recognized on the Southern California Rising Stars list.



Shawn Ogle is an associate at the firm's Cerritos office. Working as a litigator in private practice since 2009, Mr. Ogle skillfully handles business litigation, employer defense, high profile trust and estate issues, and other matters, representing individuals, businesses, and public agencies of all sizes. He has won important summary judgments and major trials. This is his second year in a row on the Southern California Rising Stars list.



Chelsea Trotter, senior associate in Cerritos, focuses her practice on employment law and complex commercial litigation on behalf of businesses, public agencies, and individuals. Ms. Trotter handles all aspects of litigation, up to and through trial. She has successfully defended the firm's private and public clients in a number of high-profile employment and commercial litigation matters involving whistleblower claims, breach of contract, partnership and joint venture disputes, and professional malpractice.



Brian Wheeler is of counsel in AALRR's Cerritos office. His practice focuses on high-stakes, complex business litigation. Mr. Wheeler has extensive experience in all aspects of business litigation, in particular intellectual property, real property, contracts, and white collar defense and regulatory investigations. He has successfully represented clients at all stages of litigation and in many different forums, including recently accomplishing the exceedingly rare feat of defeating the National Labor Relations Board's petition for a 10(j) injunction.

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 170 lawyers and growing, AALRR has nine offices in Cerritos, Fresno, Irvine, Marin, 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.aalrrelaborrelationslaw.com.

###