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***William Gay & John James Selected to Exclusive Group,  
Best Lawyers® "Lawyer of the Year"***

**CERRITOS, Calif.** —William Gay, partner with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo was named for inclusion in the 21<sup>st</sup> Edition of *The Best Lawyers In America*® in the practice areas of Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, and Mergers and Acquisitions Law. John James, partner was also named for inclusion in the practice area of Tax Law. Both have earned this honor for multiple years.

Additionally, William Gay was also named the *Best Lawyers'* 2015 Orange County Mergers and Acquisitions Law "Lawyer of the Year."

William Gay has over 30 years of experience as a business/corporate lawyer, with extensive experience working with domestic and foreign clients. William has been selected as one of *The Best Lawyers In America*®, 2006-2013; and was named "Corporate Lawyer of the Year" for Orange County by *Best Lawyers*®, in 2009 and 2013.

John James has over 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 varied 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.

Practice Group Leader, Davis D. Thompson said, "Our attorneys treat legal issues as business issues. In turn, they are deservedly recognized for both their legal work and value they deliver to our clients."

Since it was first published in 1983, *Best Lawyers*® has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence. *Best Lawyers* is based on an exhaustive peer-review survey. Over 52,000 leading attorneys cast more than 5.5 million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas. 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."

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

AALRR is a full-service California law firm with a focus on employment and labor, education, corporate, real estate, construction and commercial and complex litigation. We are counsel to more than 400 school districts and public and private universities. Our diverse teams bring a seasoned perspective to California's complex legal landscape for both private and public entities. AALRR maintains offices in Cerritos, Fresno, Irvine, Pasadena, Pleasanton, Riverside, Sacramento and San Diego. For further information about us, visit our website at [www.aalrr.com](http://www.aalrr.com) or sign up for key updates at our blogs [www.aalrreducationlaw.com](http://www.aalrreducationlaw.com) or [www.aalrremploymentlaw.com](http://www.aalrremploymentlaw.com).

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