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## **AALRR Receives California Minority Council Program's Diversity Award**

For the first time ever, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (AALRR) received the California Minority Council Program's (CMCP) prestigious Drucilla Stender Ramey Majority-Owned Law Firm Award, one of three diversity awards given by the organization annually. With its win, the firm joins an impressive list of recipients, including the Kaiser Foundation, Chevron, Gap Inc., and Intel.

Named after the California attorney who dedicated her career to achieving equal opportunity and access in the justice system, the Drucilla Stender Ramey award is annually given to the CMCP majority-owned law firm that has demonstrated the strongest commitment to diversity and inclusion. The award is based on the firm's culture of inclusivity, its prioritization of diversity initiatives, and its commitment to giving back to the community, as well as the number and percent of minority attorneys within the firm and those who occupy leadership roles.

This award further demonstrates AALRR's commitment to diversity. The firm was recognized earlier this year by [Law360](#) and [Associated Builders and Contractors](#) for its high percentage of both minority attorneys and minority equity partners.

"AALRR has been committed to diversity and inclusion since the beginning, and they are truly foundational elements in the firm's culture. They infuse everything from our hiring practices to our retention initiatives to our community sponsorships," commented Mark Palin, Managing Partner of the firm. "We prioritize diversity and inclusion because doing so allows us to better understand and connect with both each other and the communities we serve—and it's an honor to be recognized statewide for those efforts."

CMCP will recognize this year's award recipients on Friday, October 27th. AALRR attorneys Irma Rodríguez Moisa, Jabari Willis, Elizabeth Zamora-Mejia, Amber Solano, and Casandra Secord will be in attendance to receive this honor.

### **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](http://www.aalrr.com) and sign up for our blogs, [www.aalrreducationlaw.com](http://www.aalrreducationlaw.com), [www.aalrremploymentlaw.com](http://www.aalrremploymentlaw.com), [www.aalrlaborrelationslaw.com](http://www.aalrlaborrelationslaw.com), and [www.aalrrcapublicpensions.com](http://www.aalrrcapublicpensions.com)

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