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**Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud and Romo Recognized by Chambers USA;
Three AALRR Construction Attorneys Net High Ranking**
Chambers USA Ranks America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2013

CERRITOS, Calif. —The Cerritos-based law firm of [Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo](#) has been included in the *2013 Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, a prestigious guide which ranks the nation's leading firms and lawyers through a client-focused research methodology based upon thousands of interviews with clients, attorneys, and third-party experts.

The firm was recognized as a leader in the practice area of construction, garnering a tier three ranking and identified for its strength in the public sector, labor and employment, and matters in the education sector.

“Client satisfaction is, of course, a central component of the goals of our attorneys and also of the culture of our firm. This focus on client satisfaction is evident in the recent Chambers rankings for our [Facilities, Construction and Property Practice Group](#),” observes AALRR Managing Partner [James C. Romo](#).

Three partners from the firm were also recognized for their contributions in the construction practice. Partner [Thomas W. Kovacich](#), who was named in the fourth tier of the guide's rankings, works in AALRR's Cerritos office, where he chairs the firm's [Facilities, Construction and Property Practice Group](#). He is an authority in state and federal public works, wage and hour laws, and has served as lead counsel in more than 50 wage hour actions.

Partners [Michael J. Baker](#) and [Mary A. Salamone](#) hail from the firm's Irvine office, where they also work in the area of construction law. Chambers listed the two in the third tier of practitioner rankings.

Baker is a veteran trial lawyer with over two decades of experience in representing public and private owners in all facets of construction law including business and contractual matters and disputes before trial courts. In one of his most noteworthy undertakings, Baker acted as outside construction counsel for the Los Angeles World Airports in accordance with its multi-billion dollar development program for LAX.

Salamone has dedicated her 25 year career to all aspects of construction projects and disputes which includes such notable engagements as acting as construction counsel for the Port of Long Beach in connection with its multi-billion dollar capital improvement program for the Middle Harbor Redevelopment and the New Gerald Desmond Bridge.



Learn more about AALRR and the firm individuals ranked in the 2013 edition of *Chambers USA* [here](#).

About Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

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