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Cerritos Attorney Named to the National Bar Association's Top "40 Lawyers Under 40"

Cerritos, Calif.—Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (AALRR) is pleased to announce that the National Bar Association has named **Jabari A. Willis** to its 2012 class of "Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40."

Willis, from AALRR's Cerritos office, is a senior associate in the firm's public education practice focusing on labor relations and employment law issues, including employment litigation defense. He also represents school districts in all aspects of education law, including special education and student discipline. Willis has represented employers in matters before the Public Employment Relations Board, Department of Fair Employment and Housing, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Office of Administrative Hearings. In addition, he has assisted public employers with litigation matters in state and federal courts. Willis also conducts investigations into allegations of harassment and discrimination.

Nation's Best Advocates recognizes African American attorneys, judges and other members of the legal community aged 40 and under who have attained notability, prominence and merit both on a professional and philanthropic level. Nominees are chosen based on their achievements, innovation, vision, leadership and legal civic involvement.

"We are pleased to have one of our own honored with such a prestigious nomination. We commend Jabari for all his hard work and the significant contributions he has made to our firm and the legal community," says AALRR Managing Partner **James C. Romo**.

In 2011, California Lawyer magazine named AALRR a state leader with the most minority partners. A full 22 percent of AALRR's partners are minorities compared with industry-wide figures of just 6 percent.*

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