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## **Nate Kowalski and Irma Rodríguez Moisa Win Distinguished Writing Award**



Nate Kowalski and Irma Rodríguez Moisa, partners at Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (AALRR), have been honored for their exceptional legal writing as winners of the eighteenth annual Burton Awards. Kowalski and Rodríguez Moisa were recognized for their article “The Cat’s Paw Doctrine: Declawing Summary Judgment,” originally published in the *Los Angeles Daily*

*Journal*. Only 25 articles from entries submitted by the nation’s 1,000 largest law firms were named Burton Awards winners.

The Burton Awards is a nonprofit program devoted to recognizing and rewarding excellence in the legal profession. It is run in association with the Library of Congress and sponsored by *Law360* and the American Bar Association. The award winners are selected by law school professors and judges, including professors from Harvard Law School, Stanford Law School, and UC Berkeley Law School. This year, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg received the Book of the Year in Law Award for her work, *My Own Words*.

“This terrific honor is well deserved,” said Mark Palin, AALRR’s Managing Partner. “Nate and Irma are not only excellent writers, but superb litigators and counselors and real assets to our Firm.”

Kowalski and Rodríguez Moisa represent public and private entities in labor and employment matters. Kowalski is Chair of AALRR’s Public Entity Labor and Employment Practice Group and Rodríguez Moisa is the Partner-in-Charge of AALRR’s Cerritos office.

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