

**Farella Braun + Martel Partner Jessica Nall Named One of California's  
Top 20 Attorneys Under 40**

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4, 2010 - Farella Braun + Martel LLP's Jessica Nall has been selected by the Daily Journal, one of California's most influential legal trade publications, as one of the "Top 20" attorneys in California under the age of 40 for 2010. Nall, 32, is a partner in Farella's White Collar Crime and Business Litigation practice groups.

Nall's selection in the Daily Journal's "Top 20 Under 40" listing recognizes her track record as a passionate and effective defender of individuals and corporate clients in high-stakes white collar criminal matters and civil litigation. Nall's recent accomplishments include her defense of national executives of major electronics companies accused of cartel conspiracy and price-fixing, the defense of a tax evasion case that presented an unprecedented prosecution theory based on alleged stock option exercise backdating, and representation of a state governmental agency investigated for possible public integrity violations.

A significant portion of Nall's practice includes the defense of executives and companies facing SEC enforcement actions, Department of Justice investigations and prosecutions, and representation and preparation of non-party witnesses facing government investigation or grand jury testimony. She has also represented plaintiffs and defendants in civil litigation in both state and federal court.

Nall received her J.D. from Harvard Law School (2001), where she was the Associate Articles Editor for the Harvard Women's Law Journal, and her B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley (1998). She was a Judicial Extern for the Honorable Judge Tauro of the United States District Court of the District of Massachusetts. Nall has served as co-chair of Farella's Women's Initiative Steering Committee and serves on the Board of Directors for Women Defenders.

Farella Braun + Martel represents clients throughout the United States and abroad in sophisticated business transactions and high-stakes commercial, civil and criminal litigation. Founded in 1962, the firm is headquartered in San Francisco and maintains an office in the Napa Valley focused on the wine industry. Farella Braun + Martel lawyers are known for their imaginative legal solutions, dynamism and intellectual creativity. With an unwavering service ethic and interdisciplinary team approach, the firm is committed to advancing clients' objectives in the most effective, coordinated and efficient manner. Farella Braun + Martel is a green business. [www.fbm.com](http://www.fbm.com)