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WILLIAM MERRILL III NAMED TO FLORIDA TREND'S 2021 LEGAL ELITE

SARASOTA, FL – Icard Merrill Shareholder William W. Merrill III has been named to the 2021 list of Florida Trend's Florida Legal EliteTM. Merrill was recognized in the category of Government and Administrative Law. The list of 1,263 honorees includes attorneys in private practice as well as top government and non-profit attorneys.

To compile the list, Florida Trend invited all actively practicing Florida lawyers to name the attorneys that they hold in highest regard – lawyers with whom they have personally worked and would recommend to others. The ballots were processed, checked, and tabulated by an outside vendor. The winner list represents just over 1% of the active Florida Bar members who practice in Florida.

Merrill's nationally recognized practice in land use, planning, transportation, and environmental law includes representation of both developers and public sector clients. He has exceptional skill and practical daily experience with state, regional and local development approval processes, including rezonings, comprehensive plan amendments, redevelopment, mixed use projects, developments of regional impact, environmental, coastal and water-related permitting, subdivision and platting, vested rights, and lobbying efforts. He also represents developers and lenders in complex real estate transactions.

Merrill's extensive land use litigation experience complements his practice. He is a regular speaker at growth management and land use conferences and has published a number of articles relating to land use law. He has actively served in the community as a board member on local civic and charitable organizations.

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