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PRACTICE AREAS

- Community and Homeowner Association Law

EDUCATION

- University of Miami
Master of Laws, Real Property Development,
May 2000
- University of Miami School
of Law

ADMISSIONS

- Florida, 1999

BIOGRAPHY

Telese L. Zuberer is a shareholder and president of Icard Merrill. She focuses her practice in the field of condominium and homeowner association law, focusing on all issues surrounding the general business of the association corporations, as well as residential development and construction. Telese acts as general counsel to the community association clients by assisting in the day to day needs of the associations, including but not limited to:

- Providing opinions on the authority and responsibilities facing the boards of directors in governing the community
- Assessment collection & foreclosure
- Amendments to the association's governing documents
- Negotiation of maintenance, construction, landscaping & other service contracts
- Preparation of annual & special meeting packages
- Arbitration & litigation of covenant enforcement actions
- Providing interpretation of Florida Statutes & the association's governing documents
- Providing explanation of Federal laws, such as the Fair Housing Act, the Telecommunications Act and the laws regulating housing for persons 55+ years of age

Telese regularly teaches continuing education courses for community association managers and has been the guest speaker for organizations such as Community Association Institute (CAI), the Federation of Longboat Key Condominium Associations and the Realtor Association of Sarasota and Manatee (RASM). She is an active member of the Sarasota and Manatee County Bars, Gulf Coast CEO Forum, Community Association Institute, and the Florida Association of Women Lawyers (FAWL). She serves on the CAI board of directors and has authored numerous articles for various community association publications.

Telese has been named to the list of the Best Lawyers in America (2023), Who's Who in America (2023), Florida Super Lawyers (2021, 2022), and SRQ Magazine's Elite Top Attorneys (2020-2022). She is AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

HONORS

- The Best Lawyers in America, 2023
- Who's Who in America, Marquis Who's Who, 2023
- President of Icard Merrill, 2021-present
- Florida Super Lawyers®, 2021, 2022
- Elite Top Attorneys, Sarasota Magazine, 2020, 2021, 2022
- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell®
- Florida Trend's Legal Elite, 2008, 2015
- Gulf Coast Business Review's Top 40 Under 40, 2005

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Gulf Coast CEO Forum, Member
- Sarasota and Manatee County Bar Associations
- Community Association Institute
- Florida Association of Women Lawyers
- Court Appointed Guardian Ad Litem for the 12th Judicial Circuit
- Parents' Association of St. Stephen's Episcopal School

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- New Condominium Legislation in Florida: How the New Preventative Maintenance Requirements Will Affect Condominiums, June 2022
- Guest Speaker, "Insights on Culture Development and Talent Retention and Acquisition," Law Firm Alliance Spring Conference, May 12, 2022
- Honoree and Guest Panelist, "Women at Work: Women Breaking Barriers in Business," Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, May 6, 2022
- Speaker, "The Role of Virtual Meetings in Post Pandemic Association Operations," 47th Ralph E. Boyer Institute on Condo & Cluster Development, October 2022
- "Support & Comfort Animals," Lakewood Ranch Lunch and Learn, October 2019
- Why Won't Anyone Answer Me?, Sarasota Manatee Realtor Magazine
- Presenter, Community Associations Institute West Florida Chapter, Continuing Education Class for Community Association Managers, June 12, 2019
- Panelist, Associa Gulf Coast's "Ask An Attorney" luncheon, May 28, 2019
- Presenter, CAI "HOA, Condo, and Co-op Board of Directors Certification Course," January 16, 2019
- Panelist, Legal Update Panel, CAI Community Associations Summit 2018, November 14, 2018
- Presenter, "HOA Issues," Realtor Association of Sarasota and Manatee, November 5, 2018

NEWS

- [Twelve Icard Merrill Attorneys Honored as 2023 Best Lawyers](#)
- [Nine Icard Merrill Attorneys Selected as 2022 Florida Super Lawyers](#)
- [Zuberer Discusses Condo Legislation on Suncoast News Network](#)
- [Zuberer Presents at Law Firm Alliance Conference](#)
- [Zuberer Serves as Guest Panelist at 'Women at Work' Event](#)
- [New Sarasota-based Law Firm President Outlines Ambitious Goals](#), Business Observer, April 1, 2022
- [Five Questions with Icard Merrill's First Female President](#), Law360, February 7, 2022
- [New President Takes Over at Icard Merrill Law Firm](#), Herald Tribune, January 31, 2022
- [Area Law Firm Names New President After 23 Years](#), Business Observer, January 18, 2022
- [Icard Merrill Names Telese Zuberer as Firm President](#)
- [Icard Merrill Shareholders in Women on the Scene](#)
- [Section Involved in Florida Condo Education Initiative](#), The Florida Bar News, Oct 29, 2021
- [Icard Merrill Attorneys Honored as 2021 Elite Top Attorneys](#)
- [Icard Merrill Attorneys Named to 2021 Florida Super Lawyers](#)
- [Meet Our 2021 Board of Directors](#), CAI West Florida Chapter
- [Icard Merrill Attorneys Renamed to Local Boards](#)
- [Icard Merrill Attorneys Named 2020 Elite Top Attorneys](#)
- [Icard Merrill Team Participates in CA Day](#)