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## ICARD MERRILL WELCOMES TWO NEW ASSOCIATES

**SARASOTA, FL** – The law firm of Icard, Merrill, Cullis, Timm, Furen, and Ginsburg, P.A., is pleased to announce that N. Macaire King and Meghan E. O'Connell have joined the firm as associates in their Sarasota office.

King's practice is focused primarily in the areas of land use, land use litigation, and commercial real estate. She has experience representing developers, landowners, and others on issues such as rezoning, special exceptions, comprehensive plan amendments, and a variety of other land-use related matters. O'Connell is a litigation attorney practicing in the areas of personal injury and general civil litigation.

King received her J.D. from Florida State University College of Law. She actively served on three of the university's four legal journals including serving as the editor-in-chief of the Journal for Land Use and Environmental Law as well as serving on the executive board of the Florida State University Law Review as a notes and comments editor. She won the Steven Gey Note Award for a publication in the Florida State Law Review and also received the Donna R. Christie Service Award. King received her undergraduate degree in history with a minor in political philosophy and economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

O'Connell received her J.D. from Stetson University College of Law, graduating magna cum laude. While in law school, she served as a senior associate for Stetson Law Review, competed on the nationally ranked Trial Team and Dispute Resolution Board, and participated in the Stetson Law Honors Program. She also spent a semester as an intern for a federal magistrate judge in the Middle District of Florida in Tampa. O'Connell received her undergraduate degree in legal studies with a concentration in advocacy from the University of Central Florida, graduating summa cum laude.

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