

BRAND STANDARDS GUIDE



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INTRODUCTION

Our Mission and Values

Our mission is to deliver innovative and effective legal solutions through dedicated and caring professionals. Since 1953, Icard Merrill has served Florida's Suncoast, offering clients comprehensive legal experience in multiple practice areas.

The cornerstone of our firm is an enduring commitment to our values:

- **Commitment** We maintain superior standards of quality and achievement. We do what we say we will do.
- Excellence We engage our best efforts for the success of the organization.
- **Integrity** We adhere to ethical principles and strive to be free from bias and injustice.
- **The Golden Rule** We embrace a hopeful and constructive mindset and treat others the way we want to be treated.
- Teamwork We work together in our development, problem solving, and achievement to accomplish a shared purpose.
- **Community Service** We give back and fulfill community needs and expectations.



INTRODUCTION

Brand Identity

This guide defines and governs the firm's brand standards to strengthen our brand image and credibility by allowing us to communicate in a consistent way across all teams and channels.

We have created a cohesive brand to give a uniformed look and voice throughout all of our brand assets and to help our audience grow familiar with who we are and what we represent.

Our brand is not simply a logo, a type style, or a set of colors. It is the consistent use of all of these elements in every communication, repeated over time, which develops a memorable image in the minds of current and prospective clients. Our goal is to keep our brand identity consistent and recognizable so that consumers make a connection between our logo, our services, and our mission.



Primary Logo

The Icard Merrill logo is our strongest visual asset. It is crucial to branding.

The full-color horizontal logo is our standard, primary logo and should be used in most instances and whenever possible.

The full-color vertical (stacked) logo should **<u>only</u>** be used when space is limited and a square version is needed.

The IM icon is not a stand-alone brand, and should never be used by itself unless expressed written permission is granted by marketing.

PRIMARY LOGO - HORIZONTAL



PRIMARY LOGO - VERTICAL



ICON





Approved Variations

In the event that the logo cannot be reproduced in full color, a one-color version in black or white is acceptable.

The reverse logo can be used on a dark background.

WHITE LOGO



BLACK LOGO



REVERSE LOGO



The one-color logo can be put on a color background such as for a sponsored event (i.e. an event flyer, event tote bag, etc.), but the logo itself <u>cannot</u> be presented in any other colors.

ALL PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS MUST INCLUDE OUR CORRECT LOGO. Requests for the firm logo should be sent to marketing to ensure correct usage and placement.

ACCEPTABLE





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UNACCEPTABLE





Unacceptable Usage

These logos are no longer in use by the firm and should not be used in any instance. This includes all print and digital communications and materials including:

- marketing materials
- collateral
- promotional items
- business cards
- email signatures
- letterhead
- note cards
- envelopes
- invoices
- presentations
- folders
- RFPs
- campaigns
- signage



THIS LOGO LOOKS VERY SIMILAR TO OUR PRIMARY LOGO, BUT ALL OF THE LETTERS IN "ICARD MERRILL" ARE THE SAME SIZE. THIS IS INCORRECT.





GRAPHIC ELEMENTS

Supplemental Components

These optional elements are used in advertisements, collateral, and on the website. They are not part of the logo and should not be used independently or without permission from marketing.

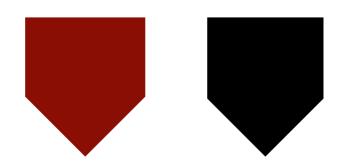






COLOR PALETTE

Primary Color Palette



HEX 8B0E04	HEX 000000
R139 G14 B4	R0 G0 B0
C0 M90 Y97 K45	C75 M68 Y67 K90
PANTONE 1815	PANTONE BLACK



COLOR PALETTE

Secondary Color Palette





Fonts

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The following examples are the brand typefaces used on the website and in marketing and communication materials.	AaBbCc123 Yanone Kaffeesatz	Website headlines
In cases where it is impossible to match the brand corporate typefaces, similar alternative typefaces may be used.	AaBbCc123 PT Sans	Website text
	AaBbCc123 BenchNine	Advertising/collateral headlines
	AaBbCc123 Raleway	Advertising/collateral copy
	AaBbCc123 Palatino	Business cards and letterhead

Email Signature

There are two approved email signatures for individuals with Icard Merrill email. Everyone with firm email should use one of these two formats.

Email signature #1 is a standard text signature with the firm logo.

Email signature #2 will be created by marketing for each individual. It is inserted as a picture and includes two logos of professional organizations. It links to the attorney's bio on the firm website or the website home page. Those using this email signature should be aware that the picture may not show up on some email servers.

With approval, customizations can be made for certifications, calendars, etc.

Disclaimers can be customized to include verbiage that is pertinent and/or required for each area of law.

EMAIL SIGNATURE #1



EMAIL SIGNATURE #2



Business Card

Everyone with firm business cards should have the standard design with the current logo.

Specialized business cards can also be ordered with approval and must have the current firm logo.

All business cards are 3.5" x 2".

STANDARD BUSINESS CARD



SPECIALIZED BUSINESS CARD SAMPLE



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Letterhead

Our standard letterhead with the current logo should be used by all employees.

STANDARD LETTERHEAD





Specialized Letterhead

Specialized letterhead can be ordered with approval and must have the current firm logo.

A digital version of firm letterhead for individual attorneys can be created upon request to marketing.

SPECIALIZED LETTERHEAD SAMPLE





Note Card

Note cards with the current logo should be used.

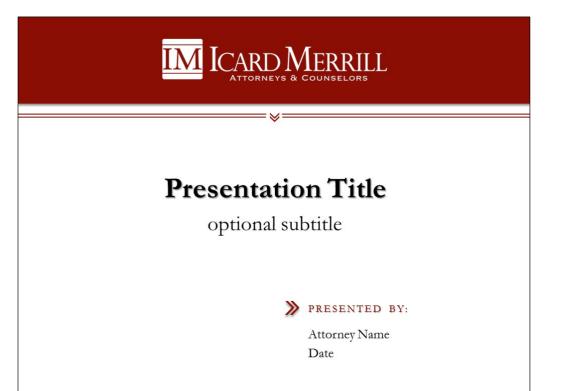




Presentations

For presentations, the branded firm PowerPoint template should be used.

See template for specifications.



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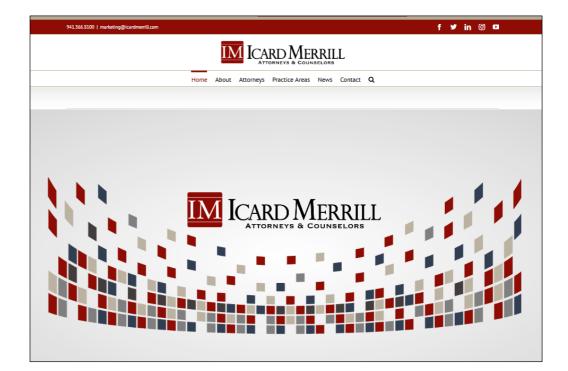
ONLINE MARKETING

Websites

The only official website for the firm and all attorneys at the firm is icardmerrill.com.

NO OTHER WEBSITES OR URL'S FOR INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEYS OR PRACTICE GROUPS ARE ALLOWED AND WILL NOT BE AUTHORIZED.

Supplemental information for individual attorneys or practice areas can be added to the current official website by marketing in order that all content adheres to our branding and marketing standards.

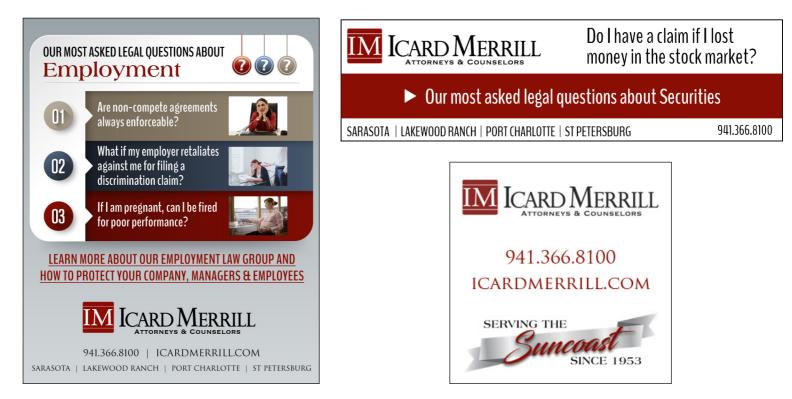


ONLINE MARKETING

Digital Advertising

All digital marketing should be created following the Icard Merrill brand guidelines. All advertising, newsletters, social media, etc. should have the firm colors, logo, contact information, etc.





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PRINT MARKETING

Printed Collateral & Advertising

All printed material should be created following the Icard Merrill brand guidelines. All advertising, newsletters, brochures, etc. should have the firm colors, logo, contact information, etc.





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CONTACT INFORMATION

Marketing & Branding

These guidelines have been developed to support everyone's efforts in using Icard Merrill's brand identity. Not all instances can be covered. Contact marketing for further questions regarding this guide or:

- Branding
- Logo usage
- Logo in different formats
- Marketing
- Advertising
- Website
- Specialized templates

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