

William W. Merrill, III is a shareholder at Icard Merrill. His nationally recognized practice in land use, planning, transportation and environmental law includes representation of both developers and public sector clients. He has received the "AV" rating, the highest rating available, from Martindale-Hubbell, which is recognized as the most respected source of authoritative and dependable information about members of the legal community and reflects confidential ratings by other lawyers and the judiciary. Mr. Merrill is listed in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Mr. Merrill has particular 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.

Mr. Merrill's extensive land use litigation experience complements his practice. He has litigated the "taking" issues, concurrency (adequate public facilities), quasi-judicial government decisions and other land use issues. Mr. Merrill has been a regular speaker at growth management and land use conferences and has published a number of articles relating to land use law. He served as President of the Sarasota County Bar Association and has actively served his community as a board member on local civic and charitable organizations.

Mr. Merrill's public sector work has enhanced his effectiveness as a land use and environmental lawyer. From a public sector perspective, he has focused his practice on land use, planning and growth management law with particular emphasis on the preparation of land development regulations, impact fees and implementation. He has successfully represented over 35 governmental entities in eight states. Land development codes and regulations prepared by Mr. Merrill have received the highest state awards from the Florida and Colorado Chapters of the American Planning Association as well as a national award and recognition from the American Planning Association.

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