



MELISSA TAPANES LLAHUES SELECTED 'UP & COMER' BY FLORIDA TREND'S 2014 FLORIDA LEGAL ELITE GUIDE

MIAMI (Sept. 2, 2014) – Shareholder **Melissa Tapanes Llahues**, who practices land use and zoning law, has been selected for inclusion in the 2014 edition of *Florida Trend's* Florida Legal Elite as an “Up & Comer”, Bercow Radell & Fernandez announced today. She is just one of 175 attorneys in the state of Florida under the age of 40 who was chosen by her peers for this prestigious honor. This is the fifth time Llahues was named an “Up and Comer.”

“Melissa demonstrates, year after year, an exceptional level of knowledge and service to her clients, so it comes as no surprise to us that she has again been chosen once again by the legal community,” Bercow Radell & Fernandez co-founder and managing partner Jeffrey Bercow said. “This is a well-earned award and we are delighted that Melissa has been recognized by her peers once again.”

Eighteen months ago, Tapanes Llahues was named a full partner and shareholder of the Bercow Radell & Fernandez. She is among the youngest female equity partners in South Florida.

She was named “Director of the Year” by the Latin Builders Association® (LBA) and spearheads the 40-year old organization’s legislative affairs as an Executive Director and Chairwoman of the Legislative Committee. In addition, Melissa serves as Chairwoman of the City of Doral’s Doral Design District Steering Committee and Chairwoman of the Florida International University President’s Council World’s Ahead Faculty Award Committee. She is also a member of the Miami chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW).

Bercow Radell & Fernandez is a leading land use, zoning and environment law firm that offers counsel in comprehensive planning, DRI, growth management and approvals, among other areas. It represents clients before local and state agencies, as well as provides appellate litigation services to administrative proceedings.

The firm's clients include Lennar Homes, Landmark Companies, Turnberry Associates, Florida Power and Light Company, Leon Medical Centers and Public Storage.

Bercow Radell & Fernandez, located at 200 S. Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 850, Miami, was established in 1996. For more information, contact (305) 374-5300 or visit www.brzoninglaw.com.

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