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Lydecker Diaz Partners Named Super Lawyers' Rising Stars



Miami, FL – Lydecker Diaz partners Onier Llopiz and Anthony J. Tinelli have been recognized as 2010 Rising Stars by the prestigious *Super Lawyers* magazine, placing them on the list of Florida's top attorneys who have achieved success early in their careers.

"I commend Onier and Anthony for attaining this high honor," said Senior Partner Richard Lydecker. "Their success is a testament to the high level of customer service and professionalism they extend to the clients of Lydecker Diaz."

The *Super Lawyers* selection process is a comprehensive, good-faith and detailed attempt to produce a list of lawyers that have attained high peer recognition, meet ethical standards, and have demonstrated some degree of achievement in their field. In selecting attorneys for Super Lawyers, the organization employs a rigorous, multiphase process. The Rising Stars list is comprised of the top up-and-coming attorneys who are 40 years old or younger, or have been practicing for 10 years or less.

Mr. Llopiz is a shareholder of the Firm, specializing in government liability defense, professional liability, First Amendment and Constitutional claims, and employment law. In 1999, he earned his B.A., with honors, from the University of Miami, where he triple-majored in Economics, Political Science, and Psychology. In 2002, Mr. Llopiz graduated with his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Miami School of Law, which he attended on a full-tuition scholarship and where he received numerous distinctions and accolades, including membership in the International and Comparative Law Review. Mr. Llopiz became Shareholder at Lydecker in 2007, and has since chaired the firm's Public Entity Practice Group and the Professional Liability Division. He regularly represents both private and public sector clients in trial and appellate state and federal courts throughout Florida.

Mr. Tinelli, also a shareholder of the Firm, practices general civil litigation on both the trial and appellate levels, and specializes in first party property defense for both personal and general commercial lines policies in state and federal courts throughout Florida. Anthony received his B.A. from Rutgers University in 2000, and graduated with his J.D. from St. Thomas School of Law in 2003, where he served as Articles Solicitation Editor and Senior Editor on Law Review, and as Competitions Chair on St. Thomas' International Moot Court Team. Mr. Tinelli's areas of experience include serving as coverage counsel for first and third party claims,

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representing insurers in relation to claims for hurricane damage, sinkhole damage, and arson and fraud investigation. Mr. Tinelli is also well-versed and is available to provide advice and guidance regarding claims handling regulations and the defense of bad faith litigation.

Lydecker Diaz is a full service law firm with nearly 50 lawyers serving clients across the state, through offices in Orlando, West Palm Beach, and Bonita Springs. Attorneys of the firm have extensive litigation experience and practice in the areas of business and corporate law, commercial litigation, insurance defense, environmental law, labor and employment, bankruptcy, trademark, and intellectual property. In January of 2010, former Miami Mayor Manny Diaz joined the firm as Senior Partner, heading up the firm's corporate/transactional department and increasing the firm's national profile.

For the entire Super Lawyers Rising Stars list, please log onto <http://www.superlawyers.com/florida/>. For more information on the Lydecker Diaz firm, please log onto www.lydeckerdiaz.com.
