

## Nikasha Wells Senior Manager of Governmental Affairs/ EEO Officer

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Nikasha Wells is a seasoned legal mind who brings almost twelve years of experience in government relations and employment matters.

After earning her bachelor's degree from The Florida State University in 2002, Ms. Wells went on to St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida where she earned her Juris Doctor degree in 2006. After law school, Ms. Wells worked for Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, which was a full-scale law firm that provided legal representation in commercial real estate transactions. Ms. Wells then transitioned to government relations and employment matters when she went to work for The Pittman Law Group, which is a full-scale lobbying law

firm in Tallahassee, Florida. Ms. Wells was a registered lobbyist in the Florida State legislature representing various municipalities and Fortune 500 companies. She conferred with members of the Florida State Legislature and studied proposed legislation to determine its possible effects on the interest of her municipal and private sector clients. Ms. Wells also served several small firms in South Florida where she handled complex employment matters, including wage disputes and wrongful terminations.

As the Senior Manager of Governmental Affairs & Equal Employment Officer, Ms. Wells serves as Palm Tran's liaison with every governmental agency in Palm Beach County, including the Board of County Commissioners, the Transportation Planning Agency and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority. Ms. Wells is also responsible for responding to all EEOC claims, ensuring that all of Palm Tran's 600+ employees receive the appropriate trainings related to equal employment and that our Affirmative Action Program complies with all state and federal mandates.