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Bill Anaya's practice focuses on environmental and administrative law, as well as commercial real estate. He has 30 years of experience in regulatory and liability litigation in state and federal courts across the nation, representing and advocating on behalf of manufacturing, commercial, industrial and developer clients.

Bill has represented clients involved in enforcement actions initiated by federal and state regulatory agencies and state and federal attorneys general. Bill has represented individuals and entities in enforcement and transactional matters involving the EPA, FDA, federal and state transportation and public health departments, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, among numerous other state and federal agencies. He has significant experience in civil and criminal administrative disputes and transactions involving regulatory approval, compliance and permits associated with state and federal law and regulatory requirements.

Bill has taught administrative law principles at Loyola University School of Law and the John Marshall School of Law in Chicago. He frequently writes and speaks on topics related to environmental and real estate law, among other topics, and is an editor and author for Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education publications.

Education

- Indiana University Maurer School of Law (J.D., 1981)
- Purdue University (B.A., 1978)

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- Indiana
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Practices & Industries

- Energy Industry
- Environmental
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Appellate Litigation
- Energy
- Convenience Retailing
- Energy Litigation
- Oil & Gas
- Renewables
- Utilities

- U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (*Chair, Board of Directors, 2015-present*)

Awards & Honors

- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Environmental Law (2022-2026); Litigation - Environmental (2024-2026)
- Named to the Illinois Super Lawyers list (2006-2009, 2013-2020, 2022)
- Illinois Leading Lawyers (2018, 2020-2022)
- Addis Hall Award for Excellence in Legal Education (2005)

Experience

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- Successfully converted a significantly contaminated property site, allowing it to be returned to viable commercial use.

News & Media

August 21, 2025

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2026 List

August 15, 2024

UB Greensfelder Attorneys Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® 2025 List

August 17, 2023

Best Lawyers 2024 Edition Lists 66 Greensfelder Attorneys, Including Five “Lawyers Of The Year”

April 20, 2023

Recent Illinois Legislative Proposals Involving Environmental Law

August 18, 2022

Best Lawyers 2023 Edition Lists Over 60 Greensfelder Attorneys, Including Five St. Louis ‘Lawyers Of The Year’

January 28, 2022

Super Lawyers recognizes six Greensfelder attorneys in Illinois

August 19, 2021

Best Lawyers 2022 Edition Lists 60 Greensfelder Attorneys, Including Three St. Louis 'Lawyers Of The Year'

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- "Environmental Law Update," *Southern Illinois University Law Journal* (Summer 2024)