

Bill Gilberti

Partner

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Education

- Syracuse University College of Law, *Magna Cum Laude*, JD
- University of Miami, BA

Practices & Industries

- Regulatory
- Project Development
- Environmental
- Energy
- Semiconductor
- Land Use & Zoning

Admitted to Practice

- New York
- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- US District Court for the Northern District of New York
- US District Court for the Western District of New York

Biography

The former managing partner and CEO of Gilberti Stinziano Heintz & Smith, PC, Bill is a seasoned litigator who represents clients before federal and state courts and state administrative agencies, including the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), the Adirondack Park Agency, and the Public Service Commission (PSC). He regularly advocates on behalf of his clients to defend or challenge compliance with state and federal environmental laws and regulatory regimes, including solid-waste disposal, water quality, and the Navigation Law as well as local land-use determinations.

Bill additionally provides strategic legal counsel to public- and private-sector clients on large-scale project development, including the build-out of a statewide wireless communications network , a proposal to construct the world's longest underground direct-current electric-transmission line, brownfield site development, and the construction of the region's largest tourism destination facility.

Under Bill's leadership at Gilberti, the firm's environmental group cultivated one of the state's largest mining and related transportation industry practices, representing many of the key players in the state's construction aggregates industry. He was also the principal architect of legal arguments that helped define key principles of environmental law under both the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the Mined Land Reclamation Law (MLRL).

Bar Associations

- Federal Bar Council
- National Italian American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Onondaga County Bar Association

Selected Memberships & Affiliations

- Associated General Contractors
- New York Construction Materials Association
- National Association of State Land Reclamationists
- NYS Association of Solid Waste Management

Representative Experience

- Served as lead counsel to one of the largest developers in the Northeast in the development of the region's largest tourism destination facility on a brownfield site, including advising on project structure and incentives, SEQRA compliance, and eminent domain. Successfully served as litigation counsel in numerous related actions concerning condemnation, lender obligations, brownfields, and project development.
- Spearheaded the legal team representing the State of New York in the development and deployment of the Statewide Wireless Network, a coordinated mobile network of over 1,200 interconnected receiving and transmitting antenna sites for emergency communication services to public safety and service agencies.
- Served as lead counsel to a developer in a PSC Article VII proceeding on a proposed HVDC underground transmission line involving 260 miles of underground cable, underground to aboveground transition facilities, converters, and substations.
- Headed the legal team providing environmental, permitting, and transaction legal services for a large mixed-use commercial, residential, and retail project totaling over 200,000 square feet in an archaeologically sensitive are of downtown Albany, New York.
- Directed a litigation effort that successfully challenged the NYSDEC's proposed regulations requiring diesel-engine retrofits to reduce air pollution, resulting in a decision, affirmed on appeal, that the agency had exceeded its authority by imposing the retrofit requirements on a larger class of vehicles than the legislature had intended.
- Represented the nation's largest underground salt mine in proceedings before the NYSDEC to obtain authority under the MLRL to add 5,056 permitted acres of underground reserves, bringing the total permitting acreage to over 13,000 acres.
- Directed the legal effort of a team representing a NYS medical-marijuana client in successfully registering as a registered organization under the Compassionate Care Act. The women-owned business was one of five successful registrants out of 43 applicants.

- Acted as co-counsel in action brought on behalf of multiple clients challenging the authority of the NYS Workers' Compensation Board to assess former members of defaulted group self-insured trusts for past trust liabilities. The litigation resulted in a favorable settlement to the client group.

Prior Experience

- Gilberti Stinziano Heintz & Smith, P.C., Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer

Selected Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Energy Law, 2026 and 2027; Environmental Law, 2022–2027
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review–Rated for Very High to Preeminent Ethical Standards and Legal Ability, 2022
- Selected to *Super Lawyers* Upstate New York: 2009–2010