



MEET BILL

*"I see myself as a trusted advisor, dedicated to solving problems and providing guidance. I commit my skills and experience to finding solutions and helping clients achieve their objectives."*

— William E. Benner

Bill is a partner in Obermayer’s Business & Finance Department. Over his many years in practice, he has represented businesses and individuals primarily in Bucks and in Montgomery counties and elsewhere on zoning and land development matters ranging from simple pool and deck variances to large commercial and industrial developments, and mixed-use developments.

Bill has also represented individuals and companies in various transactional matters involving leasing, sale, and financing, transactions. Bill also has many years of experience representing property owners in tax assessment appeals and in eminent domain matters.

Bill lives in Doylestown Township with his wife, Verlyn. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling to Italy with his wife, reading historical fiction, and watching his favorite teams, the Eagles and Chelsea. He also enjoys Philadelphia Orchestra concerts, especially those featuring pianists. Bill also spends spare time trying to improve his Italian.

EXPERIENCE

Bill began his legal career in the United States Navy, serving in its Judge Advocate General’s Corps. After four years of active service, Bill began his legal career representing both individuals and commercial clients in the field of real estate. As his practice grew, Bill represented clients in a variety of projects including mixed use commercial developments, industrial parks, regional shopping centers, auto

dealerships, franchise restaurants, and countless cell towers throughout the Philadelphia suburbs. In addition to his land use experience, Bill has also represented his clients in environmental regulatory matters before the Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board.

Some of these developments are:

- Neshaminy Interplex (Office Campus, Bensalem Township)
- Greenwood Square (Office Campus; Bensalem Township)
- Neshaminy Square (Shopping Center, Bensalem Township)
- Mercer Square (Shopping Center, Doylestown Township)
- Valley Square (Mixed Use, Warrington Township)
- Valley Gate (Mixed Use, Warrington Township)
- Hilltown Plaza (Hilltown Township)

## ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Bill has designed and presented several Continuing Legal Education seminars sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, the National Business Institute, and the Bucks County Bar Association.

Bill has received an AV <sup>®</sup> preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell, indicating his preeminent legal ability and very high ethical standards. He was also selected for inclusion in the Best of Philadelphia Magazine List in 2019, 2023 and 2024 and the Best of Philadelphia Inquirer List in 2015 and 2020.

During law school, Bill served as a member of the Villanova Law Review. He graduated from the Villanova University School of Law in 1969 with honors and was inducted into the Order of the Coif.

Bill is an active member of the Bucks County Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

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## EDUCATION

Villanova School of Law, J.D.

Dickinson College, B.A.

## ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

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## CAPABILITIES

### **Business & Finance**

Real Estate

Zoning & Land Use

### **Industry Focus**

Real Estate & Construction