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## **William D. “Bill” Preston, President**

**M**r. Preston’s statewide Florida practice has focused on environmental and governmental law and policy and strategic planning and counseling for over 35 years based out of the State Capitol. His firm’s emphasis is on on licensing and permitting, water discharge and groundwater regulation, compliance and enforcement, RCRA/Superfund, solid and hazardous waste, site contamination assessment and remediation and related agency rule making and legislative matters.



From 1976-1979, Mr. Preston was Legislative Analyst and then Staff Director of the Florida Senate Natural Resources and Conservation Committee. He then practiced law as a partner with the Tallahassee law firm of Hopping Boyd Green & Sams, P.A., before opening his own firm in 2001 to continue his specialty practice. He has written a number of law review articles and other publications. He frequently lectures and conducts seminars on environmental law and regulatory topics of a diverse nature for various organizations, including The Florida Chamber of Commerce as well as at symposia on Environmental Contamination in Central and Eastern Europe, in Warsaw, Poland, and Prague, Czech Republic, 1996-2000.

His background, substantive expertise, and broad history and perspective gained from time spent working in this field of expertise provide Mr. Preston with the tools to best suit the specific concerns and goals of each client. He is able to quickly understand the client needs and issues presented and to then establish a strategic and regulatory path forward to satisfy and successfully resolve those problems. The setting of a highly focused, efficient, and tightly managed small law firm, allows him to maintain a personal contact with his clients and helps assure that his clients’ legal work will be performed effectively and efficiently by the experienced lawyer they have chosen.

## **Service Overview**

### **FLORIDA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (representative)**

- Solid waste, hazardous waste, and storage tank systems
- Groundwater regulation, wellhead protection, and deep well injection
- Site assessment and remediation legal issues
- Transactional due diligence/environmental auditing
- Water discharge and facility permitting
- Site contamination clean-up
- Air regulation
- Resource recovery and management
- Pollutant discharge prevention and control
- Property remediation and redevelopment

### **FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

- RCRA, HSWA, CERCLA, CWA, SDWA (representative)
- Solid waste and related (hazardous waste, LDRs, USTs, used oil, regulated pollutants)
- Superfund, Emergency Planning, and Community Right-to-Know Programs

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND GOVERNMENTAL LAW**

- Administrative and Civil litigation
- Regulatory interpretation and counseling
- Agency negotiation and problem solving
- Rule making and policy development
- Agency permitting and authorizations
- Drafting legislation and lobbying services

### **MEDIATION**

- Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Facilitated self-resolution of regulatory compliance and enforcement issues

## Education

J.D., Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, 1975

B.S., Biological Sciences, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York, 1969

## Bar Admissions

Florida State Courts

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida

## Professional Memberships

- **Florida Bar**, Environmental and Land Use Law Section; Administrative Law Section
- **American Bar Association**, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources
- **Leadership Florida**, Florida Chamber of Commerce
- **Southern Waste Information Exchange**, Board of Directors

## Professional Listings

- Martindale-Hubbell ("AV")
- Best Lawyers in America (Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste) (Listed for 20+ years)
- Member, Leading Florida Attorneys
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers (Top Tier)

## Community Involvement

- Children's Home Society of Florida, State Board of Directors, 1998-2011 (Chairman: 2006-2008)
- Children's Home Society of Florida/North Central Division, Board of Directors, 1983-2004 (Chairman, 1992-1994, 1999-2001)
- St. Thomas More Catholic Church
- Birdsong Nature Center

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