

**DAVID J. SCHMITT**



**EMPLOYMENT**

**Mill Creek Alliance**

Executive Director, June 2017 - present

Responsible for all aspects of operations of a 25 year non-profit organization devoted to restoring Mill Creek, in southwestern Ohio. Duties include, fundraising, overseeing finances, community and business outreach, stream restoration project development, hiring, marketing, strategic planning.

**Cors & Bassett, LLC**

MEMBER; 1999-2016  
ASSOCIATE, 1991 -1998

My practice focused on Compliance and Litigation in the fields of Environmental Law. Worker's Compensation and related labor and employment issues, and Healthcare.

I handled litigation and compliance matters involving a wide range of federal and state environmental statutes including CERCLA, RCRA, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, OSHA, SARA Title III, and LUST.

Clients included manufacturers, mining concerns, metal recyclers, trucking companies, and range in size from small family businesses to Fortune 500 companies.

I served as an assistant trial attorney on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in litigation involving the Maxey Flats Nuclear Disposal Site in Fleming County, Kentucky. I also served as assistant trial attorney in a number of suits filed against Ashland Oil Company on behalf of landowners in the Martha's Oil Field region of eastern Kentucky. This suit stemmed from Ashland's disposal of naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORM) produced by its oil-drilling operations on privately owned land.

I assisted numerous entities in regard to the acquisition and remediation of brownfields sites, including the City of Ironton, Ohio and the City of Barberton, Ohio. This has been accomplished through first successfully obtaining grants from the Clean Ohio Fund, as well as various federal grant and loan programs. then working with OEPA, USEPA. and developers to redevelop the sites. This included the negotiation and drafting of purchase agreements, access agreements. leases, contracts, change orders, non-disclosure agreements, and sustainability agreements

with various municipalities and private parties. I have also successfully negotiated and litigated a variety of zoning issues.

**FORMERLY:**

Law Clerk, Mccaslin, Imbus & Mccaslin, Cincinnati, Ohio, May, 1989 - July, 1991. Drafted appellate briefs and pleadings, legal research and review of medical documentation for a firm specializing in insurance defense.

Legal Intern, National Wildlife Federation, Washington, D.C., Summer, 1990. Duties included legal research, drafting proposed legislation and agency rules, drafting comments on rules proposed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and lobbying members of Congress on environmental issues.

Project Manager, Cincinnati Sportsmedicine and Orthopaedic Research Foundation, Cincinnati, Ohio, April, 1987 -August, 1988.

Coordinated all soccer research. Responsible for all phases of research including design, implementation, statistical analysis, and preparing articles for publication. Also involved with biomechanical research. Served on the Research Internal Review Board of Deaconess Hospital.

Graduate Intern, University of Maine Agroforestry Outreach Project, Port-auPrince, Haiti, August, 1986 - December, 1986.

Worked with rural farmers on projects designed to encourage reforestation and erosion control. Designed and implemented three research projects.

Graduate Teaching/Research Assistant, University of Maine College of Forest Resources, September, 1984-May, 1985 & 1986.

Instructed undergraduates in proper silvicultural field techniques and fulfilled many different research roles involved with the Genetic Tree Improvement Project.

**EDUCATION:**

University of Cincinnati College of Law, Cincinnati, Ohio. J.D. -May, 1991  
Merit Scholarship, Dean's List, Honor Council, Student Bar Association (Parliamentarian),  
Environmental Law Society, Phi Alpha Delta - Vice Justice, Landlord Tenant Information Project.

University of Maine, Orono, Maine, M.S. Forestry-May, 1987  
Society of American Foresters, Dormitory Governing Board.

Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, B.S. Biology, December, 1983,  
Beta Beta Beta Award for Outstanding Work in Biology, Elias-Eggleston Scholarship, Four-year  
letterman-Soccer, Co-Captain, 1982-1983.

## BOARDS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

American Rivers, Washington, D.C., Board Member, February 2013 - 2022. Chair, Litigation Committee; Member, Policy and Audit Committees.

City of Cincinnati, Green Cincinnati Plan Steering Committee; Chair, Natural Environment Subcommittee, 2018 and 2023 - present.

CROWN/Mill Creek Greenway Trail Steering Committee, 2021 - present.

Grant County, Kentucky Solid Waste Management District Board, Williamstown, Kentucky, Member and Chair, January 2003 -Present.

Xavier University Sustainability Program Advisory Board, Cincinnati, Ohio, Member, January, 2015- 2020.

Ohio Environmental Council, Columbus, Ohio, Board Member, July 2009 - 2016. Policy Committee, January, 2014 -2016; Chair, 2014-2015.

The Nature Conservancy (Kentucky Chapter), Board Member and Finance Committee, 2012-2015.

Solid Waste Coordinators of Kentucky, Associate Member, 2006 - 2010.

Kentucky Center for Native American Arts and Culture, Board and Executive Committee Member, March, 2006 - 2008.

Member, Environmental Health Committee, Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department, September, 1997 - 2016

Member, Ecosystems Technical Workgroup, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency State Comparative Risk Project May, 1994

Member, Cincinnati Bar Association, Environmental Law Committee and Admissions Committee, November, 1991 - 2019.