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OVERVIEW

Bayard Roberts IV is a shareholder in the firm's Transactions Department, focusing his practice on matters involving commercial and industrial real estate, renewable energy development, torts, commercial liability, and natural resource law. His work includes guiding businesses and individuals through all aspects of a real estate transaction and subsequent development. Bayard routinely coordinates and negotiates with local counties and municipalities to approve and aid in the siting and development of various projects, as well as facilitating public-private partnerships.

Bayard has been recognized as a Southwest Rising Star by *Southwest Super Lawyers®* and is listed in *Best Lawyers in America*®, Ones to Watch. He serves as vice-chair of the firm's Recruiting Committee.

After graduating from St. Pius X High School in Albuquerque, Bayard was nominated for appointment to the United States Naval Academy by both Senator Jeff Bingaman and Congresswoman Heather Wilson. At the Academy, he was a member of the varsity football team, winner of four Commander-in-Chief Trophies and participated in four bowl games. He graduated with a B.S. in Economics and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marines Corps.

Over the next five years, Bayard deployed several times in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, including service at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, where he directed aviation operations in southwest Afghanistan in support of combat, medical, and humanitarian operations. He was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps with the rank of Captain in 2015. Bayard and his wife moved home to Albuquerque, where he received his J.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Law, graduating *magna cum laude*.

Prior to joining Modrall Sperling, Bayard served as a judicial law clerk for Justice Gary L. Clingman at the New Mexico Supreme Court.

Education

University of New Mexico School of Law, J.D. m*agna cum laude*, 2018; Recipient of the Lewis R. Sutin Award—presented by the University of New Mexico School of Law faculty to an outstanding student in either Trial or Appellate Advocacy

United States Naval Academy, B.S. in Economics, 2010

Bar Admissions

New Mexico

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ACTIVITIES

- Board of Directors, WESST
- Judicial Law Clerk for Justice Gary L. Clingman at the New Mexico Supreme Court
- Editor, New Mexico Law Review
- Captain, 2017-2018 University of New Mexico National Mock Trial Team
- Arturo L. Jaramillo Summer Fellow
- University of New Mexico School of Law Legal Observer for the 9/11 Trial at Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp
- University of New Mexico Law Student Ambassador

HONORS

- *Southwest Super Lawyers*®, Southwest Rising Star, 2024-present
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Ones to Watch, 2025-present

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