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Bill Neely practices primarily in the areas of partnership and corporate taxation, transactional tax planning, and executive compensation. He regularly provides advice on the structure and implementation of taxable and nontaxable acquisitions and has assisted in the formation and operation of numerous venture capital, real estate and hedge funds. He also routinely consults with companies on their executive compensation plans.

From 2007 through 2022, Bill served as general counsel of Health Services Management, Inc., a nonprofit senior-living management company located in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. During Bill's tenure, HSM operated over 20 skilled nursing and assisted living facilities in Florida, Texas, Indiana and Tennessee.

Bill received his undergraduate degree in Accounting from Murray State University, his J.D. from the University of Kentucky and an LL.M. in taxation from the University of Miami.

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Representative Experience

- Providing tax advice to sellers and buyers regarding taxable and tax-free acquisitions
- Providing tax advice to businesses on recapitalizations and other restructuring transactions
- Advising businesses on Tennessee franchise and excise taxes
- Representing businesses regarding the structure and implementation of nonqualified compensation plans
- Advising executives and key employees regarding employment and compensation arrangements and separation agreements
- Providing tax advice to venture capital funds, including advice on formation and exit strategies
- Handled tax compliance and governance matters as general counsel to Health Services Management, Inc., a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation,, including exemption issues related to the structuring and execution of joint venture transactions

Education

- University of Miami, LL.M. in Taxation
- University of Kentucky, J.D.
- Murray State University, B.S. in Accounting

Admissions

- Tennessee

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Business Organizations including LLCs and Partnerships (2026 – 2027), Tax Law (2026 – 2027)
- Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated
- Martindale-Hubbell® “Top Rated Lawyer in Taxation Law” (2013 – 2014)

Professional Activities

- Member, Committee on Taxation, American Bar Association
- Member, Nashville Bar Association
- Member, Tennessee Bar Association