

William Simpich, Attorney at Law

Bill Simpich is a civil rights attorney in the San Francisco Bay Area who appreciates the challenge posed by suits against large government entities. He was with the legal team chosen by Public Justice as Trial Attorneys of the Year in 2003, for winning a verdict of 4.4 million dollars for environmental activists Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney against FBI agents and Oakland police officers for framing them as suspects in the bombing of their car while on an Earth First! organizing tour. Most of the dollars were awarded for violating their First Amendment rights as political organizers.

Other prominent cases include suits against corporations for toxic exposures to communities and acquittals in criminal cases for urban outreach workers using needle exchange to stop the spread of AIDS by using the defense of necessity.

Bill and Larry Schnapf are currently involved in a federal suit against the President and the National Archives to release the last of the JFK documents in the possession of the National Archives, and to order the National Archives to stop the stonewalling and acquire additional assassination records from the agencies.