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Bryan is a full-time litigator and is AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated (Martindale-Hubbell). Before joining Knox Law, he practiced in Chicago, where he focused on complex civil litigation. He has extensive experience representing clients in commercial and construction disputes, injunction proceedings, personal injury matters, and trust & estate disputes. He has argued before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and represented clients in federal and state courts in various jurisdictions. Bryan is licensed to practice in Illinois, New York, and Pennsylvania and serves on Knox Law's Board of Directors as Secretary.

Practice Areas

- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- Construction Law
- Litigation

Education

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, J.D. *Staff Editor, The Loyola Consumer Law Review*
- West Virginia University, B.A., *John Maxwell Historical Research Prize*

Admissions and Ratings

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New York
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Ratings

- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated

Representative Experience

- Obtained a unanimous decision from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in favor of a developer. The case involved the attempt of union employee benefit trust funds to assert mechanics lien claims against the developer's property when contractors on the project failed to make benefit contributions
- Represented prominent author of Mathematics textbooks in action commenced by major publishing house seeking to enforce non-competition clause. Case settled favorably prior to trial
- Obtained special injunction in favor of condominium association against amusement park seeking to construct new roller coaster near condominium development. Case settled favorably after special injunction was issued
- Represented major radio broadcasting corporation in action against former on-air personality seeking to enforce non-compete provisions of employment and tortious interference claims against rival broadcasting corporation. Case settled favorably following arbitration
- Represented medical marijuana grower/processor applicants and licensees before the Pennsylvania Department of Health
- Represented beneficiaries of life insurance policy in bad faith action against insurance company alleging wrongful denial of death benefits. Case settled favorably at mediation
- Obtained judgment in favor of property owner in challenge of validity of deed granting future interest in real property. Judgment affirmed on appeal
- Obtained judgment in favor of corporate client against insurance company seeking declaration that allegations pending in class action lawsuit were not covered under terms of policy

Honors

- Included in The Best Lawyers in America®, (Litigation - Construction), 2020-2021
- Included in Pennsylvania Super Lawyers®, 2015-2016 and 2019-2026, and Rising Stars, 2013-2014
- Selected as a 2015 Lawyer on the Fast Track, *The Legal Intelligencer*

Community and Professional Service

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- Volunteer Football Coach
- United Way Young Leaders Society
- Erie Dance Conservatory Company, *Board Member, 2007-2013*
- Mercy Center for Women, *Buildings and Grounds Committee Chair, and Board Member, 2010-2013*

Professional Affiliations

- Erie County Bar Association, *Civil Litigation Section Rules Committee Member, 2008*
- Pennsylvania Bar Association

Presentations

Speaking Engagements

- ACF Northern Regional Meeting, February 2022: Timber Theft
- Webinar: How the Impact of COVID-19 is Changing Insurance Claims, hosted by AM Best Company, June 2020
- Firm's Municipal Law Symposium, April 2017
- Firm's Professional Advisor Symposium, October 2014

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Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C. is a full service law firm that has provided practical solutions to businesses, families, public entities, and nonprofits for over 65 years. Our practice areas include ADR Services, Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights, Business & Tax, Business Succession, Construction Law, Elder Law, Employee Benefits, Environmental Law, Estate Planning & Administration, Governmental Practice, Health Law, Intellectual Property & Technology, Labor & Employment, Litigation, Mergers & Acquisitions, Public Finance & Bonds, Real Estate, and Workers' Compensation.