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Christine H. McClure

Of Counsel

Christine practiced law for over 40 years, having started at the Erie firm of McClure & Miller, LLP. She retired from being a Shareholder as of December 31, 2024.

She served in numerous leadership capacities of the Erie County Bar Foundation, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation and the Pennsylvania Bar Trust & Insurance Fund. Her practice included estate planning, representation of borrowers or lenders in business transactions, general business counsel, municipal and school district law.



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Practice Areas

- Business & Tax
- Estate Planning & Administration
- Governmental Practice
- Public Finance & Bonds
- Real Estate

Education

- Villanova University School of Law, J.D
  cum laude
- Chatham College, B.A.
  Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions and Ratings

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Ratings

- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated

Representative Experience

- Arranged for the world-renowned ceramic artwork of a Benedictine Monk to be sold through a private gallery with the proceeds going to a branch of the Boston Foundation which helps assist struggling artists
- Won a precedent setting case in U.S. Supreme Court that determined a certificate of deposit is not a security and is therefore not subject to antifraud provisions
- Successfully argued an appeal before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on behalf of a school district establishing the correct seniority date to be used in a teacher suspension
- Successfully represented a school district before the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania upholding the suspension of a professional
- Successfully defended before the Pa. Commonwealth Court an appeal from a township's denial of a request by a landowner for a curative amendment to its zoning ordinance
- Reappointed by the Court of Common Pleas of Erie, Pennsylvania as a member of the Board of View panel (1992 – present)

Honors

- Named among Pennsylvania's most influential female leaders in **"**The Pennsylvania Power of Diversity: Women 100" by City & County Magazine, 2022
- Anne X. Alpern Award, Pennsylvania Bar Association, 2022
- Cornerstone Award for Women in Law, Chatham University, 2018
- President's Award, Pennsylvania Bar Association, 2018
- 2017 Chancellor of the Bar Award, Erie County Bar Association
- Women Making History Honoree, Mercy Center for Women, 2016
- Women Who Achieve Award, PNC Bank
- Board of Governors Service Award, Pennsylvania Bar Association, 2002

Community and Professional Service

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- Brevillier Village Foundation, *Board Member and Past President*
- Ball Pavilion, Inc., *Board Member and Past President*
- Springhill Retirement Community, *Past Member, Board of Governors, and Past Chair*
- Arts Erie, *Past President (2008)*
- Chatham College, *Board of Trustees, Former Member*

Professional Affiliations

- Erie County Bar Association, *President (2002); Board of Directors (2000–2003 and 1992–1994)*
- Erie County Bar Foundation, *President (1995-present); Board of Trustees (1993-present)*
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, *Women in the Profession Commission (2010-present); Judicial Campaign Advertising Committee (2015-2023 and Vice Chair 2021-2023); House of Delegates (1993-2021); Task Force on House of Delegates Term Limits (2017); Task Force to Recommend Revisions to the Pennsylvania Code of Judicial Conduct (2012); Board of Governors (1999–2002)*
- Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, *Secretary (2008–present); Vice President (2006–2007); Board of Directors, Zone 7 Director (2002-2005); Investment Committee*
- Pennsylvania Bar Trust & Insurance Fund, *Trustee (2008-2016); Secretary (2010-2016)*
- American Bar Association

Presentations

Speaking Engagements

- Firm's Municipal Law Symposium
- Frequent speaker at Springhill Retirement Community

About Knox Law

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.