

Frances A. McCormick

Shareholder

Frances focuses her practice in the areas of business & tax law, estate planning & administration, business succession planning, and real estate. She received her Juris Doctor and Masters in Business Administration degrees from Seton Hall University subsequent to earning a Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree from Villanova University. Prior to joining Knox Law, Frances worked at Deloitte & Touche LLP in Parsippany, New Jersey, preparing tax returns and planning strategies for corporations, partnerships, and individuals. She then joined an international real estate firm in Annapolis, Maryland. After 3 years in that office, she became managing director for the Middle East operation in Doha, Qatar. She currently serves on Knox Law's Board of Directors as Treasurer.

Practice Areas

- [Business & Tax](#)
- [Business Succession](#)
- [Estate Planning & Administration](#)
- [Mergers & Acquisitions](#)
- [Real Estate](#)

Education

- Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D.
- Seton Hall University Stillman School of Business, MBA
- Villanova University, B.S.

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New York

Representative Experience

- Helped close the [first New Markets Tax Credit deal in the Erie area](#), helping the Erie Center for Arts and Technology (ECAT) partner with Commonwealth Cornerstone Group on the transaction, which was in excess of \$10 million

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- Managed a \$1 billion real estate portfolio in Doha, Qatar
- Served as a lead tax services associate for Deloitte & Touche LLP in Parsippany, N.J.

Honors

- Included in [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), (Real Estate Law, 2024-2026)



- Included in [Pennsylvania Super Lawyers®](#), 2024-2025, and Rising Stars, 2019-2021

Community and Professional Service

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- Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership, *Board Member*
- Erie Homes for Children and Adults (EHCA), *Former Board Member*
- Mercyhurst University Walker School of Business and Communication, *Advisory Board Member*

Professional Affiliations

- Erie County Bar Association, *Former Board Member; Women's Division Leadership Committee Member*
- Pennsylvania Bar Association

Presentations

Speaking Engagements

- Firm's Annual Professional Advisor Symposium, October 2014, 2015, 2017-2020
- Business Succession Seminar, July 2018
- UPMC Hamot Spring Educational Session, May 2014

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