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Guy C. Fustine

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Guy's practice is focused on business reorganization, commercial litigation, and sports law. He is board-certified in business bankruptcy law by the American Board of Certification and is Practice Group Leader for the Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights Group at Knox Law. He is a neutral evaluator in the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program for the U.S. District Court in the Western District of Pennsylvania and a bankruptcy mediator. Guy represents business debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, trustees, and receivers in federal and state court cases. He has experience operating and selling on-going businesses, including making day-to-day decisions as a Trustee for both publicly traded and privately owned corporations. Guy also has experience as a contract advisor for the National Football League Players Association and is a licensed athlete agent in Pennsylvania, representing current as well as retired professional athletes.



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Practice Areas

- ADR Services
- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights

Education

- Duquesne University School of Law, J.D.; *cum laude*
- Notre Dame Law School, London, England
- Allegheny College, B.A.; *cum laude; Alden Scholar*

Admissions, Certifications, and Ratings

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- ADR Mediator & Neutral Evaluator, U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania

Certifications

- Certified in Business Bankruptcy Law, American Board of Certification
- Certified Contract Advisor, National Football League Players Association (2012-2018)
- Licensed Athlete Agent

Ratings

- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated

Representative Experience

- Reorganization of a 100-year-old business in Erie, PA
- Chapter 11 Trustee for Oz Gas Ltd., Great Plains Exploration, LLC and John D. Oil and Gas Co.
- Lead counsel for the purchaser of Peek'n Peak Resort in Clymer, NY
- Lead counsel for the seller of Lovell Place Limited Partnership in Erie, PA
- Court appointed overseer and lead counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for Thayer Power & Communication Line Construction Co. in Fairview, PA
- Reorganization under Chapter 11 of a Federally Qualified Health Center in Erie, PA
- Negotiation and sale of commercial real estate in Buffalo, NY to the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus
- Reorganization of a southside restaurant and lounge in Pittsburgh, representing former Pittsburgh Steeler Hines Ward
- Reorganization of numerous manufacturing companies located in NY, OH, PA and elsewhere, avoiding shut-down and liquidation

Honors

- Included in The Best Lawyers in America®, (Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; and Litigation - Bankruptcy), 1993-2027

- Included in Pennsylvania Super Lawyers®, 2007-2014; 2017-2026



Community and Professional Service

Professional Affiliations

- Erie County Bar Association, *Bankruptcy Section*
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, *Entertainment and Sports Law Committee*
- American Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Western Pennsylvania American Bankruptcy Inn of Court, *Master*
- Sports Lawyers Association
- Lawyers Associated Worldwide

Community and Professional Service

- Erie County Community College of Pennsylvania (EC3PA), Business Advisory Committee Member (2023-present); Curriculum Committee and Course Instructor for "The Legal Environment of Business" (2022)

Presentations

Speaking Engagements

- Firm's Professional Advisor Symposium: 2013, 2017, 2022 and 2023
- Lex Machina Webinar on Bankruptcy Trends, November 2022
- Course Instructor: The Legal Environment of Business, Erie County Community College of Pennsylvania, March-May 2022
- Webinar: Looking Beyond COVID-19: Advantages and Disadvantages of Chapter 11 and the Workout Alternative, hosted by Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership, 2020
- Allegheny County Bar Association Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section's Annual Bankruptcy Symposium: panelist on "Unwrapping the New SBRA: Is Your Practice Prepared?", 2019
- Firm's Workplace Law Forum, 2017
- Pennsylvania Bar Institute Annual Bankruptcy Institute: state-wide course planner; co-presenter on "Top Commercial Cases of the Year" and "Energy Sector Issues for the Commercial Practitioner," 2016
- Pennsylvania Bar Institute Bankruptcy Program: co-presenter on "The Future Relevance of Chapter 11," 2015
- Allegheny County Bar Association Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section's Annual Bankruptcy Symposium: co-presenter on "Chapter 11: Exit Strategies and Local Courtroom Practice and Procedure," 2014
- Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators and Pennsylvania School Boards Association School Leadership Conference: panelist on Character Education, 2014
- Various continuing education seminars through Knox Law Institute®
- Judith K. Fitzgerald Western Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Inn of Court
- Erie County Bar Association Bankruptcy Section
- Erie County Chapter of the PA Institute of Certified Public Accountants

- Allegheny County Bankruptcy Symposium
- Pennsylvania Bar Institute

Articles and Publications

- Buying a Business Out of Bankruptcy: Everyone Wants a Good Deal
- Bankruptcy Basics: A Primer for Non-Lawyers
- Both Sides of Asset Protection: Are You Protecting Assets or Attacking Them?

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.