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Jerome C. Wegley

Shareholder

Jerry's practice focuses on asset protection and business succession planning. He helps people protect their assets from taxes, creditors, future ex-spouses and ex-in-laws, and nursing homes, so they may choose who benefits from their assets (themselves, their children, charities, etc.). His previous experience as a CPA helps him advise business owners wishing to keep their business operating after their exit; whether it be by their child or other family member, their employees or another party that will carry on their legacy. He is available to speak on business and tax topics, sophisticated estate planning strategies, asset protection, wealth preservation, long-term care planning, business succession and special needs planning. He also serves as Vice President on Knox Law's Board of Directors.



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Practice Areas

- Business & Tax
- Business Succession
- Elder Law
- Estate Planning & Administration

Education

- University of Pittsburgh, J.D.
- Gannon University, B.S.

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New York
- Ohio

Representative Experience

- Successfully structured and implemented succession plans for numerous clients in a variety of industries including $20 million plastics company and $8 million manufacturing company
- Created asset protection plans for multiple clients in high risk occupations, including physicians and business owners, effectively reducing their liability exposure

- Assisted businesses with ownership and governance matters, sales, acquisitions, mergers, business succession and more, in a variety of industries including manufacturing, hospitality, real estate, nonprofits, professional service organizations, healthcare, oil & gas, cannabis, and more
- Created asset protection plans to protect inherited assets from indiscretion and divorces while mitigating federal and state taxes
- Created asset protection plans for disabled individuals in order to maximize quality of life
- Created asset protection plans for elderly individuals to minimize nursing home expenses
- Developed and presented numerous seminars to regional business owners on succession planning, including information on transferring control and wealth from one owner to another while avoiding any negative impact on the company, employees or community

Honors

- Included in The Best Lawyers in America® (Trusts and Estates), 2019-2023



- 2013 President's Hall of Fame Honoree, *Prep-Villa*

Community and Professional Service

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- Erie Catholic School System, *Board Member*
- The Arc Erie County, *Board Member*

Professional Affiliations

- Erie County Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Association of Elder Law Attorneys
- National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
- Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Presentations

Speaking Engagements

- Several presentations through the Knox Law Institute® and firm's Annual Professional Advisor Symposium
- Nursing Home & Medicaid Bootcamp Webinar, September 2026
- ***Topics include the following:***
- Asset Protection Planning; Business Succession Planning / Family Succession Planning; Estate Planning for Blended Families; Grantor Trusts: Income Tax Reporting Demystified; Wealth Preservation for Seniors / Long-Term Care Solutions (or Lack Thereof) / Medicaid Planning / Nursing Home & Medicaid Boot Camp; R Trusts vs. Wills; Special Needs Estate Planning / Planning for People with Disabilities; and more

Articles and Publications

- Key Medicaid Concepts You Should Know
- Grantor Trusts Plus! (Again?!)
- Owner Agreements: Essentials and Cautionary Tales
- Nursing Home / Medicaid Bootcamp
- TOP 10 REASONS to HIRE AN ELDER LAW ATTORNEY
- Estate Planning for Blended Families
- How Long-Term Care Enhances Asset Protection
- In-Home Waiver for Medicaid
- Irrevocable Trust Modification: Tips
- "It Depends" - The Answer to All Simple Yes or No Questions
- Trust Us – It's Not As Simple As You Think: Fundamental Issues in Trustee Litigation
- Both Sides of Asset Protection: Are You Protecting Assets or Attacking Them?
- New Year Reset: 7 Ways to Plan For Your Future

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.