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Joe focuses his practice on commercial litigation, with an emphasis in the construction industry. He has experience providing clients with guidance in construction law; government contracting; private contracting; architectural/engineering law matters; surety law; marine construction; energy law; wind farms on land and at sea; solar farms; pipeline projects; road, bridge, and heavy highway; infrastructure; industrial/manufacturing, healthcare, and educational facilities; real estate development; site development and underground utilities; residential construction and housing developments; and more.

Joe serves as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, a mediator for the U.S. District Court of Western Pennsylvania, an arbitrator for the Allegheny County Bar Association's Construction Dispute Resolution Group, and a mediator for the Court of Common Pleas. He also offers his services as a private arbitrator or mediator to those in the construction, engineering, oil and gas, energy, and real estate development fields. Joe also serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Duquesne University School of Law.

Joe understands the construction industry from the ground up, having direct experience at various levels. He attended law school at night while being a project engineer on two $100M+ high-rise, ground-up construction projects. He started his career as an apprentice steamfitter and rose to journeyman steamfitter. Joe has also worked as an estimator, construction manager, mechanical/electrical coordinator, designer/builder, and then as in-house counsel for a major general construction company.

Practice Areas

- ADR Services
- Construction Law
- Environmental Law
- Litigation
- Real Estate

Education

- Duquesne University School of Law, Evening Division, J.D.

- University of Pittsburgh, B.A., *cum laude*

Admissions and Certifications

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- Pennsylvania Board of Claims

Certifications

- Mediator for U.S. Federal Court, Western District of PA
- Certificate as Journeyman Steamfitter, Community College of Allegheny County

Representative Experience

- Extensive experience in the construction industry, including hands-on roles from steamfitter to construction manager
- Served as in-house counsel for a major general construction company
- Provides counsel on construction law and all related matters
- Serves as arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and for the Allegheny County Bar Association's Construction Dispute Resolution Group
- Serves as mediator for the U.S. District Court of Western Pennsylvania and the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County
- Serves as private arbitrator or mediator for the construction, engineering, oil and gas, energy, and real estate development industries

Community and Professional Service

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- Community Living and Support Services (CLASS), *Board of Directors*
- Spina Bifida Association of Western PA, *Board of Directors*
- Spina Bifida Housing, *Board of Directors*
- Associated Builders and Contractors, Pittsburgh Chapter, *Member, and Trustee of Apprenticeship Training Committee*
- Master Builders Association of Western PA, *Member*
- Italian Sons and Daughters of America, *Member*
- Associated Builders and Contractors Association, *Former Board Member*

Professional Affiliations

- Allegheny County Bar Association, *Litigation Section; Construction Law Section, Council Member 2024-Present; Panel of Construction Arbitrators; Opinions Editor*
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, *Construction Law Section*
- American Bar Association, *Forum on Construction Industry*
- American Arbitration Association Panel of Arbitrators

- Defense Research Institute (DRI), Construction

Presentations

Speaking Engagements

- Firm's Annual Municipal Law Symposium, 2025: *A Primer for Your Next Construction, Development, or Renovation Project*
- Firm's Professional Advisor Symposium, November 2024: *25 Legal Tips in 50 Minutes, Panelist*
- Speaker on construction law matters at various seminars over the years offering CLE credits
- Duquesne University School of Law, Adjunct Professor of Law
- National Business Institute Seminar: *Advanced Issues and Answers Construction Law*, March 2020
- DRI Conference on Construction Cases of the Year, 2017
- Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) Conference on Surety Bonding & Construction Risk Management: *Bad Faith Claims Against Sureties*, February 2016

Articles and Publications

- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Update

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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.