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Kenzie P. Teel

Associate

Kenzie concentrates her practice on estate planning, trust planning, estate administration, and business & tax matters. She has experience with a wide variety of client demographics ranging from simple estate plans to high-net-worth, complex plans. She has also been involved in numerous business succession plans and complex estate administrations.

Kenzie is a *summa cum laude* graduate of both Gannon University and The Pennsylvania State University, Penn State Law. Having graduated law school in the top 1% of her class, she received four CALI awards and participated as Comments Editor for the Penn State Law Review. She served as a certified legal intern at the Rural Economic Development Clinic in State College, creating LLCs, drafting and revising documents and contracts, and conducting legal research.



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Practice Areas

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

Education

- The Pennsylvania State University, Penn State Law, J.D.; *summa cum laude;Penn State Law Review, Comments Editor; Woolsack Honor Society*
- *Author:* Dear Prisoners – Be Prepared to be Gawked At: Other Prisoners Watching You Strip Naked is Reasonably Related to Penological Interests, or is it? *Penn State Law Review, Vol. 123, Issue 3, April 1, 2019*
- Gannon University, B.A. and B.S.; *summa cum laude; Academic Excellence Award for Legal Studies*

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- Florida
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania

Representative Experience

- Drafts estate plans for a variety of clients
- Aids clients in business succession planning
- Works on complex estate administration matters
- Served as certified legal intern at the Rural Economic Development Clinic in State College, PA, creating LLCs, drafting and revising documents and contracts, and conducting legal research
- Researched federal regulations and obligations for franchising a business
- Researched Pennsylvania's laws and defending irrevocable trusts in divorce proceedings where the principal of the trust appreciated during the length of the marriage
- Researched and drafted terms and conditions for a medical provider's in-house discount payment plans
- Served as a paralegal intern for Knox Law's litigation group during undergraduate studies, supporting the team and conducting legal research

Honors

- Included in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Closely Held Companies and Family Business Law, and Trusts and Estates, both 2026-2027
- Selected as a 2026 Lawyer on the Fast Track, *The Legal Intelligencer*
- CALI Excellence for the Future Awards (4) in Legal Research Tools and Strategies; Applied Legal Analysis & Writing II; Insurance Law; and Rural Economic Development Clinic

Community and Professional Service

Professional Affiliations

- Erie County Bar Association, *Board of Directors (2026-present); Women's Division Co-Chair; Wills for Heroes Program Co-Chair; AKT 5k Committee, Former Member*
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Young Erie Professionals (YEP)

Community and Professional Service

- Mercy Center for Women, *Board Member*
- Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania, *Board Member (2024-2026)*

Presentations

Speaking Engagements

- Firm's Professional Advisor Symposium, October & November 2026: *A Practitioner's Guide to Modern Trust Structures*
- Classroom Speaker on Legal Careers, Harbor Creek High School, January 2026
- Firm's Professional Advisor Symposium, November 2024: *Keeping the Family Slice of Heaven with Peace*
- PBI program Nonprofit Institute, Co-Presenter on *Planned Charitable Giving: You Protected and Preserved It. Now What Do You Want to Do with It?*, May 2024
- Various Estate Planning presentations for local groups
- Sarah Reed Senior Living Seminar for Estate Planning, March 2024
- Firm's Professional Advisor Symposium, October 2023: *Trustees: Fiduciary Duties, Removal, and Mechanisms to Prevent Calamity*
- Firm's Professional Advisor Symposium, October 2022: *Planned Charitable Giving*
- Erie Club Lunch Speaker Series on Estate Planning Tools & Tactics, April 2022

Articles and Publications

- How to Keep the Family Slice of Heaven With Peace
- Planned Charitable Giving
- Potential Federal Tax Changes: What May Be Coming
- Trustees: Fiduciary Duties, Removal, and Mechanisms to Prevent Calamity

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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.