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Shareholder

Mark is a full-time member of Knox Law's Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Group and is Board Certified in bankruptcy law by the American Board of Certification. His practice is concentrated in creditors' rights, bankruptcy and commercial litigation. He has lectured extensively on the subject of bankruptcy and creditors' rights to attorneys, business professionals and creditor groups.



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Practice Areas

- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights

Education

- Duke University School of Law, J.D.; *With Honors*
- The Pennsylvania State University, B.S.; *With Distinction; Penn State Scholar's Program, Member; Gold Key National Honor Society*

Admissions, Certifications, and Ratings

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Certifications

- Certified in Consumer Bankruptcy Law, American Board of Certification

Ratings

- Martindale-Hubbell Distinguished

Representative Experience

- Represented the lender in successful $20 million foreclosure of an office building complex in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
- Represented a nationwide bankruptcy notice provider in a matter of first impression wherein Knox Law obtained judicial blanket recognition of our client, in order to allow it to operate and serve clients in all Chapter 7 and 13 Bankruptcy filings in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania without obtaining separate court approval of its services in each individual case
- Represented the lender in a successful 22.7 million dollar foreclosure action (including the appointment of a receiver) in Erie County, involving a student housing apartment complex
- Represented plaintiff in the court-ordered appointment of a receiver and a successful $19M foreclosure action relating to the Granada Apartment complex, consisting of 38 buildings and approximately 626 housing units. This was one of the largest foreclosure actions in northwestern Pennsylvania
- Regularly assists banks, credit unions and other financial institutions in loan workouts, collection actions, foreclosures, replevins, ejectments, and all Bankruptcy matters
- Successfully counseled numerous Chapter 11 cases to confirmation
- Successfully represented individuals and sole proprietorships in complex Chapter 7, Chapter 12 and Chapter 13 proceedings

Honors

- Included in Pennsylvania Super Lawyers®, 2011-2016, 2018-2026



- Included in The Best Lawyers in America®, (Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency; Reorganization Law), 2021-2027



Community and Professional Service

Professional Affiliations

- Erie County Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Appointed Member of the Local Rules Committee for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- Bankruptcy Inn of Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Erie County Bar Bankruptcy Committee, *Past Vice Chair*

Presentations

Speaking Engagements

- Firm's Professional Advisor Symposium, November 2024: *25 Legal Tips in 50 Minutes, Panelist*
- Webinar: Looking Beyond COVID-19: Advantages and Disadvantages of Chapter 11 and the Workout Alternative, hosted by Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership, May 2020
- Firm's Professional Advisor Symposium, October 2015 and 2016
- Adjunct Professor for Gannon University, teaching courses in Bankruptcy law
- Firm's Long Term Care Seminars, 2009 and 2011
- Allegheny County Bar Association Bankruptcy Symposium, 2011
- Erie County Bar Association Seminar, 2012

Articles and Publications

- Bankruptcy Basics: A Primer for Non-Lawyers
- New Requirements & Fees for Foreclosure Actions in Erie

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.