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Neal R. Devlin

Shareholder

Neal focuses his practice on litigating complex disputes. He has litigated such disputes in state and federal courts throughout the country. He is also experienced in addressing all manner of disputes in arbitration and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. Neal's practice includes litigating contract, business and intellectual property disputes, as well as white collar crime matters. After law school and working for Knox Law for one year, he clerked for the Honorable Richard L. Nygaard on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He now serves as President of Knox Law.



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Practice Areas

- ADR Services
- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- Environmental Law
- Health Law
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Litigation

Education

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D.; *summa cum laude; University of Pittsburgh Law Review, Editor-in-Chief; President's Scholarship; CALI certificate in Contracts, Legal Process and Civil Procedure*
- Colgate University, B.A.; *cum laude; Phi Eta Sigma; Freshman Honor Society; Dean’s List*

Admissions

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

Representative Experience

- Successfully defended dissenter’s rights of minority shareholder of a private corporation

- Prosecuted several restrictive covenant cases

Honors

- Included in The Best Lawyers in America®, (Commercial Litigation, 2013-2027; Litigation - Health Care, 2025-2027; and Qui Tam Law, 2027)



- Included in Pennsylvania Super Lawyers® Rising Stars (2008, 2010, & 2013-2016) and Pennsylvania Super Lawyers® (2018-2026) Lists



- Selected as one of 2015 Erie's 40 Under 40, *Erie Reader*
- Selected as a 2014 "Lawyer on the Fast Track," *The Legal Intelligencer*

Community and Professional Service

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- Hamot Health Foundation, *Board of Corporators*

Professional Affiliations

- Erie County Bar Association, *Board of Directors (2023-2024); Delegate to Statewide Annual Meeting (2002)*
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, *House of Delegates, Zone 7 (2018-present)*
- Federal Bar Association

Presentations

Speaking Engagements

- The Managing Partner Forum Webinar, The New Due Diligence: Why AI Search Now Decides Who Gets the Call, September 2026
- Firm's Annual Professional Advisor Symposium, October 2013-2015, 2018, 2020, 2022-2026
- Erie County Bar Association Seminar: Being a Professional and Practicing Professionally, Panelist, October 2022
- Firm's Workplace Law Forum, 2018
- Firm's Annual Municipal Law Symposium (multiple years)
- Federal Bar Association, Western District of Pennsylvania Chapter, CLE Program on ADR, May 2015
- Firm's Litigation & Workers' Compensation Seminar

Articles and Publications

- "It Depends" - The Answer to All Simple Yes or No Questions
- Litigation & Insurance Tips
- Trust Us – It's Not As Simple As You Think: Fundamental Issues in Trustee Litigation
- What to Do After the Sheriff Leaves: Key Decisions at the Onset of Litigation
- White Collar Crime Investigations - Tips

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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.