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Ron G. Jones

Counsel

Ron concentrates his practice in three primary areas: litigation; investigations; and outside general counsel services. He has extensive experience representing clients including, but not limited to healthcare providers, higher education institutions, and other businesses where he handles their general and professional liability claims, commercial litigation matters, and various investigations. For his outside general counsel services, Ron serves as a trusted advisor to companies with few or no employed attorneys. Through his prior experience and knowledge, Ron mitigates risk and strategically adds value becoming a “one stop shop” for his clients’ needs. Before joining Knox Law, Ron worked at three national law firms in Pittsburgh, where he developed significant litigation and business insight that he now applies to help clients navigate complex disputes and protect their interests.

Ron sits on the Board of the Allegheny County Bar Association (ACBA) and is a former Senior Member of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Disciplinary Hearing Committee. He is also active on multiple ACBA committees.



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Practice Areas

- Health Law
- Litigation

Education

- Howard University School of Law, J.D.; *CALI Award for Academic Excellence - Highest Rank in Cyber Law Course; Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition, First Place*
- Howard University School of Business, M.B.A.; *Citigroup Howard MBA Orientation Case Competition - Second Place*
- University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), B.A.; *Head Student Manager of Men's Basketball Team, 1998-2001*

Admissions

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

Representative Experience

- Provide counsel and representation to various healthcare providers in litigation matters including professional liability, general liability, medical malpractice, and civil rights matters
- Represent clients in commercial litigation, products liability, toxic torts, and sports litigation matters
- Conduct and manage all aspects of litigation including case assessment and value, pleadings, discovery, motions practice, subpoenas, mediation, arbitration, trial, and appeals
- Represented clients in various investigations including regulatory (e.g., HIPAA violations), Department of State licensure investigations, Area Agency on Aging (AAA), accreditation, and Department of Labor – Employment Benefits Security Administration matters
- Provide guidance, counsel, and mitigate risk as outside general counsel in areas including, but not limited to, commercial matters, labor and employment, banking, real estate, immigration, and policy review and drafting
- Reviewed and negotiated contracts for clients, including employment contracts and non-compete disputes
- Represented agents and athletes in separation and contract disputes
- Represented social media influencers in the review and negotiation of various marketing agreements
- Represented clients in landlord-tenant matters, divorces, expungements, and real estate matters through pro bono programs

Honors

- Included in The Best Lawyers in America® (Commercial Litigation), 2024-2027
- 2020 "Pennsylvania Trailblazer" List, *The Legal Intelligencer*
- 2018 "Most Influential Black Lawyers" List, *Savoy Magazine*
- Included in Pennsylvania Super Lawyers® Rising Stars, 2017-2018
- 2016 Young Professional Award of Excellence, *Allegheny County Bar Foundation*
- Selected as a 2015 Lawyer on the Fast Track, *The Legal Intelligencer*
- David B. Fawcett Pro Bono Award, 5th Annual Recipient

Community and Professional Service

Professional Affiliations

- Allegheny County Bar Association, *Board of Governors (2023-2026); Judiciary Committee (2021-2024); Homer S. Brown Division, Chair (2017-2018), Interim Chair Elect (2015-2016), Treasurer (2014-2015); Past Liaison to Board of Governors; Committee for Diversity & Inclusion; Sports Law Committee*
- Allegheny County Bar Foundation, *Hearing Committee Member*

Community and Professional Service

- DePaul School for Hearing and Speech, *Board Member (2020-2025)*
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD), *Mentor (2019-2023)*
- Pennsylvania Supreme Court Disciplinary Hearing Committee, *Member (2016-2023)*
- University of Pittsburgh School of Law BLSA Footprints Mentorship Program, *Mentor*
- 100 Black Men, Inc., of Western Pennsylvania, *Guest Lecturer*
- Volunteer Youth Sports Coach

Presentations

Speaking Engagements

- "AI in Health Care: Promoting AI Success and Managing AI Risks", Panelist, UPMC E-Discovery Summit, October 2024
- "Small Actions, Big Impact: Developing Skills to Become an Effective Ally," Panelist, Allegheny County Bar Association's ACBA Bar Week, June 2021
- "Name, Image and Likeness: Should Student Athletes Get Paid?", Co-Presenter, West Virginia University School of Law, March 2021 and Haub School of Law at Pace University, January 2021

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.