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PRACTICE AREAS

- Estates and Trusts
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Business Transactions
- Business Litigation

EDUCATION

- University of Maryland Law School, J.D.
- Boston College, Lynch School of Education, M.A.
- Le Moyne College, B.A.

- Admissions
- Maryland
- U.S. District Court, Maryland
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Maryland

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Gary has broad experience handling litigation and transactions for businesses large and small, and a growing practice in the area of trust and estate planning. In addition to his work for firm clients, Gary has a long history of involvement with Maryland nonprofit organizations and has been recognized for his extensive pro bono contributions.

With prior experience at two of the country's largest law firms – DLA Piper and Venable – Gary has strong background in a wide range of litigation matters, from complex tort defense to \$250 million payment recovery actions to more traditional contract and partnership disputes. He regularly represents clients in state courts in commercial and estate litigation and is a key contributor to the firm's work on federal court cases. He also works with firm clients on transactional matters, including mergers, acquisitions, and dispositions, and advises entrepreneurs on topics such as entity formation, partnership agreements, and succession planning.

Increasingly, Gary works with individuals – from young families just starting out to those with significant business holdings and assets – to create effective plans to preserve, manage and transfer wealth. He is adept at not only explaining complex estate law concepts in plain English, but also asking just the right questions of clients in order to develop a plan designed to address their particular circumstances and wishes.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Beyond Bowie & Jensen, Gary is a long-standing hands-on volunteer to various nonprofit organizations. Twice awarded for his pro bono contributions, he has also served as a Big Brother, tutor, and coach. He currently serves on the board of Community Law in Action, which trains Baltimore high school students to effect positive change in their schools and communities. Gary is a former New York City public school teacher and a repeat Boston Marathon runner.

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BOARD AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Gary is active on boards and committees with the following organizations:

Community Law in Action

- Board member

Maryland State Bar Association

- Member

Gary's volunteer service includes the following:

Best Buddies Maryland (2011-2014)

- Board director

Towson Recreation Council Youth Soccer (2010-13))

- Coach

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers' Service (2005-2011)

- Pro bono attorney

Cristo Rey Jesuit High School (2007-2010)

- Tutor

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake (1996-2001)

- Mentor

RANKINGS AND AWARDS

- Recipient, First Prize in Maryland Writers' Association's Creative Nonfiction Contest (2015)
- Selected to the Maryland Rising Star Super Lawyers list (2009, 2011, 2013-2014)
- Recipient, Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award, DLA Piper (2012)
- Recipient, University of Maryland Public Service Award, in connection with creation of law and leadership-focused charter school (2004)

MEDIA

- **3/10/16** Co-author, "Commentary: Digital assets bill before Md. General Assembly caters to industry," The Daily Record