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Fourteen new associates add significant depth to key Saxton & Stump practice areas

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“Hiring and developing associate attorneys is an important aspect of Phase II of our strategic plan. We have recruited many talented laterals over the last year and as we expand their practices through our business development programs, we want to make sure they are well supported,” Saxton & Stump CEO James Saxton said. “These extraordinary and talented associates are a critical success factor and we both welcome them and look forward to working on their professional growth.”

Associates add depth to established practice groups

LANCASTER, Pa., October 6, 2022 —Saxton & Stump is proud to announce its continued growth in crucial practice areas with the addition of 14 associates since May. These associates serve a diverse range of industries and will continue the firm's strategic growth plan. The firm has welcomed eight new associates: Salvatore P. Sciacca, [Aaron M. Scheibelhut](#), C. Mason Myers*, Andrea N. Kusselson, [Alec J. Johnson*](#), Devin N. Uqdah, [Amoreena "Amy" L. Bua](#) and Andrew S. Walls, who have joined established and growing practice areas. They are joined by six additional associates hired this summer who are part of expansions to the firm's Charleston office, [Trucking and Commercial Transportation](#) team, the [Franchising, Licensing and Distribution](#) team and the [Investigations and Criminal Defense](#) team.

[Salvatore P. Sciacca](#) has joined the firm's Harrisburg office as an associate in the [Healthcare Litigation](#) and [Commercial Litigation](#) groups. Sciacca is a 2020 graduate of Widener University Commonwealth Law School in Harrisburg where he served as editor-in-chief of the *Widener Commonwealth Law Review*. He has served as an active member of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard since 2005, and he comes to Saxton & Stump following a clerkship for the Hon. Susan E. Schwab in the Middle District of Pennsylvania and a year with a firm in downtown Harrisburg.

[Aaron M. Scheibelhut](#) joins the [Commercial Litigation](#) and [Construction Law](#) groups. He comes to Saxton & Stump after a year of working as a law clerk for the Hon. Thomas R. Campbell in the Adams County Court of Common Pleas following his graduation from the Widener Commonwealth School of Law, where he was the internal supervising editor for the *Widener Commonwealth Law Review*. During law school, he also worked as a law clerk for a Harrisburg firm and interned at the Central Pennsylvania Law Clinic.

C. Mason Myers* is part of the firm's [Healthcare Litigation](#) and [Commercial Litigation](#) groups. He is a former Saxton & Stump intern returning to the firm after his recent graduation from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Ohio. In addition to his time at Saxton & Stump, he's also worked in externships both at the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the Pennsylvania Superior Court. Myers was president of the Student Federal Bar Association of the Northern District of Ohio and served as a senior editor of the *Case Western Reserve Journal of Law, Technology & the Internet* while in law school. He has taken the Pennsylvania bar exam and the results are pending.

[Andrea N. Kusselson](#) is based in the firm's Malvern office and has joined the [Healthcare Litigation](#) and [Commercial Litigation](#) groups. She comes to Saxton & Stump after starting her career at a firm in downtown Philadelphia. She is a graduate of the Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law.

[Alec J. Johnson*](#) is joining the [Healthcare Litigation](#) group. Johnson was an articles editor for the *Dickinson Law Review* during his time at Penn State Dickinson Law. He complemented his work at the school by working for the Hon. William T. Tully of the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas, the Civil Litigation Section of the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, the Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania and the Bucks County Public Defender's Office outside of Philadelphia. The results of his Pennsylvania bar exam are pending.

Devin N. Uqdah is an accountant-turned-attorney who assists clients in tax, corporate and business law as part of the firm's [Business and Corporate Law](#) group. After he earned his law degree from the Temple University Beasley School of Law, Uqdah worked as an attorney in Washington, D.C. While attaining his law degree, he worked as an international tax consultant. As an associate attorney, Uqdah also has worked with clients both domestically and internationally, assisting businesses on complex tax issues. In addition to his work as an attorney and accountant,

Uqdah has worked in the public sector advising the City of Philadelphia on compliance and government contracting and reviewing intergovernmental agreements and contracts. He currently is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

Amoreena “Amy” L. Bua is joining the Senior Care Services, [Healthcare Litigation](#) and [Commercial Litigation](#) groups. Following her *magna cum laude* graduation from Widener University Commonwealth Law School, Bua worked as a law clerk for the Hon. Donald R. Totaro in the Lancaster County Court of Pleas, then moved up to an assistant district attorney position for the county. Before transitioning to law school, she was a social service worker at Lancaster County Children & Youth Agency and a paralegal at a Harrisburg adoption agency.

Andrew S. Walls is a graduate of the Widener School of Law’s Harrisburg campus and has worked as a law clerk in the courthouses of both Lancaster and Berks counties. During law school, he interned with the Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel. A member of the [Business and Corporate Law](#) group, Walls is an accomplished musician, and before becoming an attorney, he was a music teacher for 15 years in the Eastern York School District, where he was the director of the high school’s award-winning marching band and developed cutting-edge music technology and guitar programs. He formerly played trombone with the Harrisburg Symphony and continues to play with the brass ensemble he co-founded in 2009, Quintessentially Brass.

Associates provide critical support to strategic expansions

Other associates that joined the firm this summer have deepened some of our growing practice groups and offices.

Alyssa A. Adams and Tiffany M. Peters, both in the [Trucking and Commercial Transportation](#) and [Commercial Litigation](#) groups, came to the firm in August when their former firm became part of Saxton & Stump. Aubrey C. Emrich joined the firm in July when her former Philadelphia-area firm joined Saxton & Stump. She is part of the [Investigations and Criminal Defense](#) group and has recently been admitted to practice in New Jersey.

As Saxton & Stump’s Charleston, S.C., office has grown, the firm has added attorneys to the office. This summer, Bijan K. Ghom joined the office in the [Commercial Litigation](#), [Business and Corporate Law](#), [Labor and Employment](#) and [Trusts and Estates](#), and Eli E. Lachenman joined the [Real Estate](#), [Appellate and Post-Trial Advocacy](#) and [Business and Corporate Law](#) practice groups to support the growing office and its main practice areas.

The firm’s [Franchising, Licensing and Distribution](#) group added two attorneys in the Philadelphia area this past summer, including Bianca R. Basilone. She has a professional background in toxicology and formerly worked on patent litigation cases as a law clerk for a Philadelphia firm. Basilone is currently admitted to practice law in New Jersey and her admission in Pennsylvania is pending.

Saxton & Stump’s strategic growth outlook

The firm was named the fastest growing law firm in Pennsylvania by *The Legal Intelligencer*, having added 53 professionals in 2021, including 22 attorneys. Overall, Saxton & Stump has grown to a team of more than 150 professionals, including 90 attorneys. The firm has added new services and established groups dedicated to

[investigations](#) and criminal defense and [environmental, workplace safety and utilities](#). In addition to bolstering their infrastructure, they have also grown key existing practice areas such as [healthcare](#), [senior care](#), [real estate](#), [government affairs](#) and [trusts and estates](#).

The firm continues to grow based on their strategic plan for 2022 and will continue to expand its current team of lawyers and professionals, focusing on bringing additional resources to support client needs.

Saxton & Stump provides solutions for complex legal issues and partners with clients to create a roadmap for their success. The firm is committed to empowering clients by delivering five-star service and results-focused advice.

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