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Saxton & Stump adds Dietrich Law Firm

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LANCASTER, Pa., December 19, 2023 — Saxton & Stump has announced that as of Jan. 1, 2024, the Pennsylvania law firm Dietrich Law will join Saxton & Stump. The move is a part of Saxton & Stump's continued strategic plan to add depth and breadth with highly talented attorneys and paralegals to further expand key practice groups. All three of the former firm's lawyers are joining Saxton & Stump and they will continue providing services to senior care, healthcare, and commercial litigation clients.

Brian Scott Dietrich will join as an equity shareholder, and Taylor Nicholas and Michael Wenke will join the firm as senior counsel attorneys. All three will be members of the firm's [Senior Care](#), [Healthcare Litigation](#), and [Commercial Litigation](#) groups, as will the three paralegals that will be coming from Dietrich Law Firm.

“We are excited to welcome the team from Dietrich Law as a tremendous cultural fit for both firms and clients,” Saxton & Stump CEO James W. Saxton said. “Brian has led his firm over the last 25 years and has developed a reputation of excellence. All three attorneys will bring decades of experience to our clients in our rapidly growing senior care and healthcare practices and we could not be more pleased to welcome their team.”

Dietrich is the owner and managing partner of the Dietrich Law Firm and has been in private practice for the last 34 years. He is an experienced litigator with over 34 years in healthcare and elder law litigation throughout the Pennsylvania civil courts and the Orphans’ Court Division. Dietrich focuses his practice on the representation of assisted living facilities, hospital facilities, and long-term care nursing facilities. He also represents medical practices in matters of benefit disputes, contracts, employment, Medicaid, insurance, and litigation defense. He earned his law degree from the University of Richmond School of Law.

Nicholas also focuses his practice on the representation of assisted living facilities, hospital facilities, and long-term care nursing facilities. Before joining the Dietrich Law Firm in 2019, Nicholas served as regional counsel for the Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel in the Department of Human Services. He represented the state in Medicaid cases and the Department’s County Assistance Offices in Bureau of Hearings and Appeals administrative appeals, Orphans’ Court matters, and appellate litigation. Nicholas also represented the Department in Medicaid provider rate appeals, facility licensing matters, and employment disputes. He received his law degree from Duquesne School of Law.

Wenke is an experienced litigator with more than 40 years of experience and focuses his practice on the representation of assisted living facilities, hospital facilities, and long-term care nursing facilities. He has held multiple leadership positions in the Delaware County Bar Association and served several years in the Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates. Wenke is also a member of the Pennsylvania Association for Justice and was a charter member and president of the Guy G. DeFuria American Inn of Court. He received his law degree from the Dickinson School of Law.

In addition to the three attorneys, the three paralegals from Dietrich Law Firm also will be joining Saxton & Stump. Jessica Bartholomew, Victoria Varrese, and Ashley Kelly have combined, more than 45 years of paralegal experience to add to Saxton & Stump’s strong paralegal team.

“We are very excited to join Saxton & Stump,” Dietrich said. “We look forward to using the firm’s vast resources and platform now available to our team to help us serve our clients and provide even more value. Our firms are so closely aligned from a cultural standpoint, and we are thrilled to be part of an amazing team of attorneys, paralegals, and business professionals who are so client-focused.”

Saxton & Stump’s strategic growth outlook

The firm was named one of the fastest-growing law firms in Pennsylvania by The Legal Intelligencer in 2022. Overall, Saxton & Stump has grown to a team of more than 200 professionals, with nearly 110 attorneys. Recently, the firm has added established groups dedicated to [education](#), [public finance](#), [franchising licensing and distribution](#), [investigations and criminal defense](#) and [environmental, workplace safety and utilities](#).

The firm continues to grow based on its strategic plan for 2023 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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