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James Saxton, Esq. to deliver the 2024 commencement address at Shippensburg University

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LANCASTER, Pa., May 6, 2024 — Shippensburg University has announced that alumnus and Saxton & Stump CEO [James W. Saxton, Esq.](#) will be the speaker for the college's undergraduate commencement at 11 a.m. on May 11. Saxton graduated from the central Pennsylvania university in 1979 before moving on to the Duquesne School of Law.

“To be asked back by my university to address the graduates on one of the most important days of their lives is one of the great honors I’ve received in my career,” Saxton said. “I am humbled to be part of this important celebration for the 2024 graduates of my alma mater. I will be honored to wish my soon-to-be fellow alumni good luck and offer guidance as they leave college. I want to thank Shippensburg University President Dr. Charles Patterson, the school’s Council of Trustees, and the school community at large for inviting me to participate in this event.”

Saxton founded Saxton & Stump with several colleagues and has been the firm’s CEO since that time. He continues to shape the firm’s vision for the future. Under his direction, the firm has grown to more than 110 attorneys, making it one of the largest firms based in the region. The firm has more than 200 professionals serving more than 40 different industries and areas of business. It has also birthed seven different affiliate companies that serve specific industries.

Before assuming his leadership role at the firm, Saxton spent decades as a prolific litigator and defender of the medical community, successfully bringing more than 80 trials to verdict and overseeing thousands of medical profession liability claims. He has been named to the Best Lawyers in America list since 2016, the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers list since 2012 and has been named to the Central Penn Business Journal’s “Power 100” list each year since its inception in 2021.

Founded in 1871, Shippensburg University in Cumberland County is part of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

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