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Saxton & Stump expands into Pittsburgh, welcomes six legal professionals as firm marks 10th anniversary

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 17, 2025 — As Saxton & Stump celebrates its 10th anniversary, the law firm has reached another major milestone by expanding its footprint into Pittsburgh. Building on years of legal work in the region, the firm now welcomes a new team of six professionals who will help deepen its presence in Western Pennsylvania.

“From the beginning, our vision has been to build a firm that grows with intention – focused on client service, innovation, and opportunity,” [Saxton & Stump](#) CEO [James W. Saxton](#) said. “We’ve had talented attorneys rooted in Pittsburgh for years, and we’re now investing in that community with a growing team and a long-term plan.”

Joining Saxton & Stump’s [Construction](#), [Construction Litigation](#), and [Commercial Litigation](#) groups in Pittsburgh are:

- **[D. Matthew Jameson III](#), shareholder**

A seasoned attorney with over 30 years of experience, Jameson represents various parties in the construction industry in disputes and contract matters. He advocates for clients in numerous state and federal courts and before the American Arbitration Association. He is also frequently called upon to resolve construction disputes as a mediator or arbitrator. He earned his law degree from Rutgers Law school, *cum laude*, where he served as editor-in-chief of the Rutgers Law Journal and is a graduate of Penn State University.

- **[Kurt F. Fernsler](#), shareholder**

Fernsler represents general contractors, subcontractors, and owners through all construction phases while advising clients on business, employment, and real estate matters inside and outside the courtroom. He serves as vice president of the Pennsylvania Builders Exchange, a nonprofit organization supporting the construction industry. Fernsler earned his law degree from Duquesne University School of Law and his undergraduate degree from Penn State University.

- **[Richard W. Saxe Jr.](#), shareholder**

Saxe often serves as outside general counsel for his clients, representing business owners, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, developers, and other industry professionals in both litigation and day-to-day business matters. He earned his J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law and a B.A. from Allegheny College.

- **[Daniel M. Maier](#), associate**

Maier represents various parties in the construction industry through every project stage, handling contract negotiations, payment disputes, and lien claims while coordinating with firm attorneys to advise on broader business matters. He earned his law and dual undergraduate degrees in Anthropology and History from the University of Pittsburgh.

- **[Mary Beth Alexander](#), legal analyst**

With more than 30 years of experience, Alexander supports attorneys in complex construction and commercial litigation. Her focus includes discovery, trial preparation, and e-discovery for arbitration and court matters. She earned her paralegal certification from Penn State Behrend and was among the first in the nation to pass the Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam (PACE).

[Justin Ventura](#) has also joined our Pittsburgh team as manager of operations, helping establish the office and supporting the firm’s growing infrastructure.

They join Pittsburgh-based attorneys [Jason T. Somma](#), shareholder within the firm's [Intellectual Property Group](#), senior counsel attorney [David R. Chludzinski](#) of the [Trucking and Commercial Transportation Group](#), and senior counsel attorney [Taylor R. Nicholas](#) of the [Senior Care Group](#) in building the firm's growing Western PA practice.

"Joining Saxton & Stump was a strategic decision driven by the firm's commitment to growth, innovation, and client service," Jameson said. "The firm's robust platform, collaborative culture, and forward-thinking leadership create an ideal environment for us to continue delivering exceptional client results while expanding the services we can offer to our clients. We're excited to be part of a firm that is clearly investing in the future."

The firm has secured temporary space in downtown Pittsburgh as it finalizes plans for a permanent office in one of the city's landmark buildings, to be announced in the coming weeks.

Saxton & Stump's strategic growth outlook

With 250 professionals, including over 130 attorneys, Saxton & Stump's innovative model continues to attract highly talented and experienced attorneys, driving the growth of the law firm and its affiliate companies nationwide.

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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