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Services and Industries

- Regulatory and Government Affairs
- Appellate Advocacy
- Business Litigation and Strategic Solutions

Education

- Penn State Dickinson School of Law, J.D.
- University of Scranton, B.S.

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

Shohin Vance is a shareholder in the Saxton & Stump [Appellate Advocacy](#) group, and also contributes his deep experience to the [Business Litigation and Strategic Solutions](#) and [Regulatory and Government Affairs](#) groups. He is widely recognized across Pennsylvania for his work in politically sensitive and high-stakes litigation, particularly in

election law, government disputes, and constitutional matters.

Shohin has represented prominent elected officials and legislative bodies, including the Pennsylvania Senate Republican Caucus, in cases that have shaped statewide policy. His work has included challenges to gubernatorial authority during the COVID-19 pandemic, high-profile election disputes, litigation over the legality of skill-based video games, and environmental regulatory matters such as the Delaware River Basin Commission's fracking ban.

He has argued cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and other state and federal courts. Known for his rapid response in emergency litigation and deep understanding of appellate and procedural rules, Shohin is a trusted advisor to political leaders across the Commonwealth.

Before joining Saxton & Stump, Shohin was a partner at a Philadelphia law firm, where he was instrumental in building its influential political law practice. He began his legal career as a law clerk to Chief Justice Thomas G. Saylor of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and now contributes to the integrity of the profession as the chair of the Disciplinary Board of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. His two-year term as chair runs through 2028.

Shohin's work has been recognized by The Legal Intelligencer, ("Lawyers on the Fast Track," 2021), Best Lawyers in America® ("Ones to Watch," 2021-2024), Pennsylvania Super Lawyers ("Rising Star," 2024), *City & State Pennsylvania* ("Philadelphia Forty Under 40," 2022), and "Lawdragon 500 X - The Next Generation" (2023).

Representative Experience

- Successfully defended the [constitutionality of the Pennsylvania fiscal code](#).
- Successfully defended two state senators in the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania in an action seeking a declaration that the [budgetary process violates the Constitution of Pennsylvania](#).
- Represented a school district employee in connection with a grand jury investigation.
- Successfully obtained dismissal of a writ of prohibition challenging a district attorney's right to hold office. Successfully represented the district attorney on appeal to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.
- Successfully defended a candidate for Philadelphia City Commissioner against a challenge seeking removal of her name as a candidate for the office.
- Successfully defended a large national telecommunications corporation in a negligence action, obtaining dismissal at the pleadings stage.
- Represented two Roman Catholic dioceses in grand jury and civil investigations of child sexual abuse and related matters.
- Represented a group of voters challenging an incumbent lieutenant governor's residency.
- Submitted an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of 13 members of Pennsylvania's congressional delegation.
- [Represented various members of Pennsylvania's U.S. congressional delegation](#) seeking to enjoin new congressional boundaries prior to an election.
- Obtained emergency stay of a federal district court order directing a governmental official to pay attorneys' fees and expenses. On appeal to the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, [successfully represented the official](#) in seeking reversal of the order holding him personally liable for attorneys' fees.

- Represents skill-based video gaming software developer and manufacturer Pace-O-Matic and its affiliates in Pennsylvania in various challenges to the legality of the games pending in the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania.
- Represented the Pennsylvania Senate President Pro Tempore, the Pennsylvania Senate Majority Leader, and the Pennsylvania Senate Republican Caucus in litigation [challenging the Pennsylvania General Assembly's authority](#) to terminate the governor's emergency proclamation.
- Successfully argued that a [district court's order](#) denying a motion to intervene, filed by several senators, should be reversed and the matter remanded for further proceedings.
- Successfully argued that the court of common pleas erred in permitting a county board of elections to canvass and tabulate several hundred invalid provisional ballots.
- Obtained an emergency writ of prohibition instructing a county board of elections to [refrain from taking any further actions](#) relative to a certain class of ballots in dispute.
- Successfully argued that a county board of elections erroneously canvassed undated mail-in ballots. On appeal, a [split Pennsylvania Supreme Court](#) agreed but ultimately decided that its ruling should apply only to elections held after November 2020.
- Successfully argued that a county board of elections erred in canvassing various provisional ballots without receiving individualized evidence regarding the validity of the ballots.
- Obtained dismissal of various tort claims at the pleading stage on the grounds that they were barred by the gist of the action doctrine.
- Represented various members of the Pennsylvania Senate as *amici* urging the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to decline the exercise of extraordinary jurisdiction over a challenge to the constitutionality of the death penalty.
- Represented the Pennsylvania Senate Republican Caucus in reapportionment and redistricting after the 2020 census.

Recognitions

- Best Lawyers in America® "Ones to Watch," Criminal Defense: White Collar, Government Relations Practice, 2021 – 2025
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, "Rising Star", Criminal Defense: White Collar, 2024, 2026
- Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation, 2023
- *City & State Pennsylvania*, "Philadelphia Forty Under 40", 2022
- *The Legal Intelligencer*, "Lawyers on the Fast Track", 2021
- Cali Award for "Excellence in the Study of Election Law", 2015

Professional Affiliations

- Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
 - Chair (2026-2027)
 - Vice chair (2025-2026)
- Federalist Society
- *The Legal Intelligencer*, Young Lawyer Editorial Board