

Appellate Advocacy



The Depth of Experience is Our Differentiator

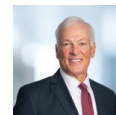
With nearly four decades on the bench and decades more in high-stakes litigation and appeals, the Appellate Advocacy team at Saxton & Stump brings a rare, inside-out understanding of how appellate decisions are made and how to influence them. We do more than navigate the appellate process — we have helped shape it.

Our attorneys and former judges have presided over and litigated hundreds of civil and criminal appeals across every Pennsylvania appellate court and multiple federal circuits. Whether advising trial counsel or leading an appeal, our team brings clarity, authority, and persuasive strength to each case.

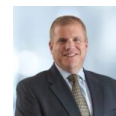
Meet the Team Behind Our Appellate Success

With a powerhouse roster that includes two former U.S. District Court judges and a retired Pennsylvania Superior Court judge, our group offers deep judicial insight and a strategic, forward-thinking approach to appellate litigation.

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Our professionals are known for their legal acumen and ability to distill complex trial records into persuasive legal narratives. Our attorneys have successfully briefed and argued appeals involving:

- State and federal constitutional challenges
- State and federal regulatory challenges
- Statutory construction
- Business litigation
- Medical malpractice and healthcare litigation
- Sentencings and criminal convictions
- Construction litigation
- Preliminary and permanent injunctions
- Amicus briefs on behalf of non-profits and professional associations

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Co-Chair and Shareholder

- Served 22 years as U.S. district judge, including seven as chief judge, in the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- Presided over nationally watched cases, including “Kids for Cash”; former vice president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association



Co-Chair and Shareholder

- More than 30 years as a trial and appellate litigator, with successful appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and Pennsylvania appellate courts
- General counsel at Saxton & Stump, advising on complex firmwide legal strategy



Shareholder

- Served 14 years as U.S. district judge in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, following 14 years on the bench at the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas
- Former chief judge and seasoned neutral in complex civil matters and post-trial disputes



Senior Counsel

- Former Pennsylvania Superior Court judge and chief counsel to the Judicial Conduct Board of Pa.
- Served 18 years as deputy attorney general for Pennsylvania, focused on appellate and criminal law



Shareholder

- Federal litigator for 35 years, with successful arguments in multiple U.S. appellate courts
- Represents high-ranking officials and business owners in white-collar and post-conviction matters



Shareholder

- Has litigated numerous appeals, securing significant wins, before

the Pennsylvania appellate courts.

- Clerked for a former Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and a former Senior Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court.



Shareholder

- Former assistant U.S. attorney, Middle District of Pennsylvania, handling complex appeals
- Focuses on federal litigation, regulatory enforcement, and post-trial strategy



Shareholder

- Argued before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and Pennsylvania Supreme Court
- Advises elected officials and legislative bodies in high-stakes trial and appellate litigation



Shareholder

- Litigated multiple appeals before the Pennsylvania Supreme

Court, Commonwealth Court, and Superior Court

- Leads precedent-setting appeals in constitutional, political, and commercial matters



Senior Counsel

- Advises healthcare clients on appellate strategy, medical malpractice defense, and post-verdict risk management
- Clerked in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; admitted to practice in both



Senior Counsel

- Former prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, including five years as assistant U.S. attorney
- Handled U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit appeals involving forfeiture, restitution, and financial crime



Senior Counsel

- Litigates in mass torts, antitrust class actions, and multidistrict federal cases
- Advises hospitals on risk exposure and appellate issues in complex litigation



Senior Counsel

- Completed five judicial clerkships across three jurisdictions
- Admitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, with experience supporting federal judges in complex trial and post-trial matters

Together, our appellate advocacy team offers a comprehensive and strategic approach to every phase of appellate litigation.

Representative Appeals

- **[United States v. Martinez](#)**, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
Summary: The defendant was sentenced to 108 months in prison for money laundering charges. We argued that the court could vacate the sentence, and the court agreed.

Outcome: The case was remanded for resentencing, a precedential ruling that promotes judicial efficiency and reinforces the availability of timely sentencing relief for eligible defendants, marking a significant development in federal sentencing jurisprudence.

- ***Clearfield County v. Leonard S. Fiore, Inc.***, Pennsylvania Supreme Court

Summary: Clearfield County sued construction firms over an alleged defect dating to a 1981 jail construction, claiming a missing bond beam caused \$3.8 million in additional renovation costs. At issue was whether the doctrine of nullum tempus could exempt the county from Pennsylvania's 12-year statute of repose for construction defect claims.

Outcome: The Pennsylvania Supreme Court unanimously held that nullum tempus does not apply to Pennsylvania's statute of repose for construction defects, a precedential ruling that provides long-sought certainty for the construction industry by foreclosing claims of virtually unlimited liability exposure on decades-old projects.