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Former federal prosecutor Tim Stengel tapped to help lead Saxton & Stump's expanding investigations & white collar defense practice

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa., August 18, 2025 — Saxton & Stump has added former federal prosecutor [Timothy M. Stengel](#) as a shareholder and co-chair of the law firm's [Investigations, White Collar and Criminal Defense Group](#). Adding Stengel expands the firm's capabilities in white collar defense, regulatory enforcement, and internal

investigations. He will work out of the firm's Lancaster and Philadelphia offices, joining current co-chairs [Mark E. Cedrone](#), a nationally respected white collar defense attorney, and [Hon. Christopher C. Conner \(Ret.\)](#), former chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Stengel brings nearly a decade of federal experience, most recently as deputy chief of the Violent Crime Unit in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In that role, he supervised a team of nearly 30 prosecutors, and as an active prosecutor, he personally handled high-profile matters involving organized crime, violent crime, and white collar crime. He also has significant experience leading internal investigations from his time in private practice at two prominent Philadelphia law firms.

"The need for internal investigations in anticipation of or in response to government scrutiny has become more prevalent across industries," Stengel said. "Businesses and public entities are rightly seeking deeper experience and stronger legal teams to navigate a host of legal issues and sensitive situations. The depth of resources at Saxton & Stump and the caliber of the attorneys here adds a unique perspective and instant credibility to any investigation, making this an exciting opportunity. We're building a powerhouse team to help clients respond decisively and strategically when issues arise."

Stengel now helps lead a growing team of attorneys and professionals who guide clients through internal investigations, government inquiries, regulatory scrutiny, and criminal defense matters. The group includes former federal and state judges, former prosecutors, experienced defense attorneys, and professionals with backgrounds in law enforcement, healthcare, and corporate compliance.

"Tim is an outstanding addition to our group," Judge Conner said. "His breadth of experience – from conducting internal investigations to handling some of the most serious criminal matters as a federal prosecutor – makes him uniquely qualified to help us lead this practice forward and serve clients facing sensitive and high-stakes issues."

Stengel's arrival comes amid continued growth for Saxton & Stump's Investigations, White Collar and Criminal Defense Group. Earlier this month, the firm welcomed [Cody J. Groeber](#), a seasoned federal public defender, as a shareholder in the Charleston, S.C., office. Groeber brings nearly 20 years of courtroom experience and joins the group to advise clients facing government investigations and high-stakes criminal matters in both state and federal court. These strategic hires reflect the firm's investment in expanding its national investigations and enforcement practice in response to rising client demand across healthcare, education, government, nonprofit, and corporate sectors.

Saxton & Stump's strategic growth outlook

With nearly 300 professionals, including over 150 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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