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Saxton & Stump adds two regulatory and government affairs professionals to launch new practice

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HARRISBURG, Pa., May 1, 2020 — Attorney and lobbyist [Kathleen Duffy Bruder](#), former Deputy Chief of Staff under Gov. Tom Corbett, joined Saxton & Stump to lead its newly-formed [Regulatory and Government Affairs](#) practice, bringing with her [Amanda W. McClellan](#), who will serve as Government Relations Advisor. Built on the foundation of two former judges and additional Saxton & Stump attorneys engaged in government operations, regulations and following the impacts of new legislation, the team is well-positioned to support a broad client base

under Kathy's leadership.

"I'm pleased to be joining Saxton & Stump alongside [Hon. Lawrence F. Stengel \(Ret.\)](#) and [Hon. Robert A. Graci \(Ret.\)](#)," said Bruder. "Their depth of governmental experience at the state and federal levels, combined with my experience in the legislative and executive branches, will bring a unique balance of resources and provide valuable perspective to the businesses and organizations we serve."

Both Bruder and McClellan join Saxton & Stump from Harrisburg-based law firm McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC. With more than 25 years of experience, Bruder is passionate about helping clients navigate challenges and opportunities that involve all levels of government and connecting clients to government decision-makers. The Regulatory and Government Affairs group empowers clients to shape decisions to gain a competitive edge by providing timely and relevant information and the ability to identify and access Pennsylvania government officials about proposed regulations and legislation that affects their business.

"Kathy and Amanda bring a tremendous wealth of knowledge and relationships to provide guidance to our clients as many face the long-lasting impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic," said CEO [James W. Saxton](#). "Kathy has truly established herself as an asset to clients with the ability to connect them with government decision-makers and her practice has become even more critical as business leaders seek creative ways to survive and thrive."

At her previous firm, Bruder represented clients in diverse subject areas including energy and environmental, oil and natural gas and food and beverage on matters involving public finance, state and local tax, employment and corporate governance. Before joining the Governor's office, she was a partner at Rhoads & Sinon LLP for 10 years where she focused her practice in litigation and labor and employment. She also previously served four years as deputy solicitor and director of human resources for the City of Harrisburg. Bruder received her J.D. from the University of Dayton School of Law and her B.S. in Economics and Finance from the University of Scranton.

McClellan will support Bruder and the Regulatory and Government Affairs team by assisting in the development and implementation of legislative lobbying plans for clients and coordinating legislative outreach and communications. She has a significant background in real estate and economic development, having previously served as a senior real estate manager for the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation. McClellan received her M.S. in historic preservation from the University of Pennsylvania, a Certificate in Real Estate Design and Development from The Wharton School and her B.A. in historic preservation from the University of Mary Washington.

Saxton & Stump maintains momentum for clients

In an environment that has been tough on the global economy, law firms have been no exception. "We are humbled and fortunate to remain 100% operational and available to our clients at a time when they need us most," said Saxton. "We continue to work hard to navigate this current environment and our focus on our clients is what drives us. Our incredible team of attorneys and professionals have seamlessly made the transition to working remotely and continue to anticipate client needs and develop impactful solutions."

Saxton & Stump has added six attorneys already this year and formed three new practice areas in [Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights](#), [Information Privacy and Cybersecurity](#) and [Regulatory and Government Affairs](#). Based on their strategic plan for 2020, the firm plans to continue to expand its current team of lawyers and professionals, focusing

on bringing additional resources to support client needs in these challenging times.

[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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