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Construction law attorney and ADR professional Matthew Chabal, III joins Saxton & Stump

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HARRISBURG, Pa., May 18, 2020 — Saxton & Stump is pleased to announce that attorney and decorated U.S. Navy veteran [Matthew Chabal, III](#) joined the firm as a shareholder, bringing with him Cynthia W. Pierce as litigation assistant and client services professional. Chabal focuses his practice on Construction Law and Commercial Litigation and is an experienced mediator and arbitrator who provides alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services through the firm's subsidiary ADR company, [Optimal Dispute Resolutions](#).

“We are honored that Matt has joined our firm and are pleased to expand our footprint in commercial litigation and construction for our clients,” said CEO [James W. Saxton](#). “Saxton & Stump thanks Matt for his outstanding service to our country and our team looks forward to working with him and Cindy to support our clients in these areas as the construction industry continues to evolve.”

Throughout his career of more than 30 years, Chabal has represented owners, contractors, design professionals, and developers on complex construction litigation matters in state and federal courts and various alternative dispute resolution forums. He also serves as a Certified Mediator for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and as a panelist for the Dauphin County Bar Association Mediation Program.

Before joining Saxton & Stump, Chabal was a partner at a law firm in Hershey, PA and previously was a partner at Duane Morris LLP, one of the largest law firms in the country. He received his J.D. from Dickinson School of Law and his B.S. in physics from the U.S. Naval Academy. After receiving his J.D., he served as a law clerk to Hon. William W. Caldwell in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Pierce has worked with Chabal for 15 years as a legal assistant serving the construction industry. She has served as a judicial assistant for the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas and previously worked at law firms in the Harrisburg and Philadelphia area.

Chabal is a former Navy pilot who retired from the U.S. Navy in 2007 with the rank of Captain (O-6) after 30 years of service. Following his flying tours, he was assigned as a Deputy Inspector General, completed two tours in the Pentagon Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, commanded a Navy Reserve Unit, and served as a Navy Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer (NEPLO). As a Navy Reservist, he was activated in 2001 and assigned to the Pentagon following 9/11 and in 2005 for recovery efforts during Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

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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