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Saxton & Stump names four attorneys to equity shareholder, prepares for strong start to 2022

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LANCASTER, Pa., January 3, 2022 — Saxton & Stump announced that four attorneys have been named equity shareholders effective January 1, 2022. Attorney and Pennsylvania lobbyist Kathy Pape, attorney Jeffrey Bright, and attorney [Lou Fiorilla](#) have been promoted, recognizing their exceptional work, client service and professional contributions. [Beth Palmer](#) is also joining the firm as a new equity shareholder in the firm's Charleston, S.C. office.

“Kathy, Jeff, Lou and Beth are dynamic attorneys who have used their outstanding abilities and successfully leveraged the firm’s resources to significantly grow their practices,” Saxton & Stump CEO [James Saxton](#) said. “We are pleased to welcome them as equity shareholders and look forward to watching their continued growth and the positive impacts they’ll make to both our firm and our communities.”

Kathy Pape

Pape joined the firm in January 2021 and was [recently named co-chair of the Environmental, Workplace Safety and Utilities team](#). She leverages her experience gained as a CEO of the largest operating unit of a national utility to provide sound business solutions and effective advocacy for her clients. Before entering private practice, Pape was head of American Water’s mid-Atlantic region and prior to that she was the president of Pennsylvania American Water. Pape is also a nationally known speaker on leadership, utility finance, infrastructure and operations and an expert witness on utility finance, tax and infrastructure issues. In the community, Pape is dedicated to several non-profit organizations and has chaired the Pennsylvania Business Counsel, the Foundation for Enhancing Communities, and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Water Companies. She is an active member of the Boards of the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (Central PA Chapter), Highmark Health, and the Hampden Township Industrial Development Authority. Pape earned her LL.M, in Taxation from Villanova University School of Law, her J.D. from The Dickinson School of Law and a B.A. in political science from Edinboro University.

Jeffrey Bright

Bright focuses his practice on construction matters, civil litigation, employment law, and real estate development and disputes. For more than 12 years, he has represented contractors, subcontractors, owners, construction managers and design professionals. In addition to handling disputes, he regularly advises on the preparation, revision and negotiation of construction contracts for various project delivery systems. Bright also advises and litigates on insurance coverage and indemnity litigation that can arise during a project. Prior to joining Saxton & Stump, he founded Bright Law Firm PLLC, a boutique firm in Lancaster, PA focused on the construction industry. He earned his B.A. in government with a concentration in business from Franklin & Marshall College. He earned his J.D. from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law where graduated *summa cum laude* and was the Editor-in-Chief for the Law Review.

Louis Fiorilla

Fiorilla leads the firm’s Banking and Financial Services team. He has more than 10 years of experience litigating disputes in federal, state and appellate courts where he regularly represents businesses, lenders, mortgage servicers, and debt buyers and collectors in customer and consumer litigation, account servicing and fraud lawsuits. He defends financial services companies in consumer protection actions, including single-plaintiff and class action lawsuits, alleging violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and state law analogs. Prior to joining Saxton & Stump in 2020, Fiorilla was a partner at an

Am Law 200 firm in Atlanta, Ga. While in law school earning his J.D. from Villanova School of Law, he served as a law clerk for the Hon. George A. Pagano at the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas. Fiorilla earned his bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University.

Beth Palmer

Palmer is based in the firm's Charleston, S.C. office which was established earlier this year and focuses her practice on both public and private sector clients, handling employment and education matters, real estate, and business litigation. Prior to joining the firm, she was a partner at a Charleston, S.C. based law firm where she practiced for more than 16 years. Palmer is an experienced litigator in complex commercial and business matters, providing counsel to businesses and institutions on operational issues such as risk management, contracts and employment matters. She also handles trust and estate litigation, providing counsel for estate representatives, fiduciaries, beneficiaries and heirs. An active member of the American Bar Association (ABA), she played an instrumental role in creating the ABA's Bullyproof, a national anti-bullying initiative for schools. She earned her B.A. in Political Science and Government from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Firm strategic growth continues

Having added 53 professionals in 2021, including 22 attorneys, Saxton & Stump has grown to a team of 140 professionals, including 75 attorneys. The firm has added new services and established groups dedicated to [white collar defense](#) and [environmental, workplace safety and utilities](#). In addition to bolstering their infrastructure, they have also grown key existing practice areas such as [healthcare](#), [senior care](#), [real estate](#), [government affairs](#) and [trusts and estates](#). They have also expanded consulting services offered through strategic partner companies including [Granite HR Consulting](#), [Granite GRC Consulting](#) and brand strategy group [Writ](#).

The firm continues to grow and based on their strategic plan for 2022, will continue to expand its current team of lawyers and professionals, focusing on bringing additional resources to support client needs.

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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