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Services and Industries

- Regulatory and Government Affairs
- Environmental, Workplace Safety and Utilities
- Labor and Employment
- Real Estate

Education

University of Dayton School of Law, J.D., 1993

University of Scranton, B.S. in Economics and Finance, 1990

Admissions

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

New York

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S District Court for the District of New Jersey

Kathleen Duffy Bruder, Esq. is a registered Pennsylvania lobbyist and practicing attorney who chairs Saxton & Stump's [Regulatory and Government Affairs](#) team and is named one of Pennsylvania's City and State Top 50 Lobbyists. She is passionate about helping clients navigate challenges and opportunities that involve all levels of government and connecting clients to government decision makers. With almost 30 years of experience as both a litigator and lobbyist, she has an extensive network of contacts and the knowledge necessary to develop strategies with clients and influence decision makers in the federal, state and local governments. Kathy's experience allows her to advocate for clients with nearly any matter involving government including operations, organizational structures, regulatory and legislative processes as well as administrative bodies and rules.

In her Regulatory and Government Affairs practice, Kathy works with public and private sector clients to create a roadmap to reach their goals. She primarily practices in Harrisburg, PA with proximity to the Commonwealth's Capitol. The Regulatory and Government Affairs team's relationships with government contacts provide clients the ability to message their interests for legislative or policy changes, navigate intergovernmental complexities and agency bureaucracy as well as the opportunity for awards of funding for economic development purposes.

Kathy served as former Gov. Tom Corbett's Deputy Chief of Staff from 2011 to 2015. In that role, she was a trusted advisor to the governor and his cabinet. She served as the governor's liaison for all state-wide management personnel positions and was the governor's point of contact for numerous state agencies for policy, legislative and press initiatives. Kathy also worked on the governor's behalf with contacts in local and federal governments as well as numerous state and regional boards and commissions, including the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bi-state transportation authorities, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority. Further, she served with the governor as vice chair of Team Pennsylvania, a nonprofit that connects business and industry leaders and facilitates partnerships to support economic development and prosperity in the commonwealth.

Prior to joining Saxton & Stump, Kathy was an attorney for a Harrisburg-based law firm where she helped build a government relations practice. In that role, Kathy and her team represented clients in diverse subject areas including horse racing, energy and environmental, oil and natural gas, finance transportation infrastructure and code enforcement. 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 representing businesses in labor and employment matters. She also previously served the City of Harrisburg's Mayor Stephen R. Reed as a cabinet member in the roles of deputy solicitor, labor attorney and director of human resources for approximately four years.

Kathy is frequently invited to present for private and public clients and associations state-wide on topics subjects such as government relations, budget and politics.

Experience

- Kathy helped numerous clients in diverse business industries obtain approval and a waiver from Gov. Wolf's shutdown orders amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Her ability to learn information from government leaders and her counsel also helped clients and their employees understand real time expectations of Pennsylvania state government and know how to operate in a safe manner and in cooperation with law enforcement
- Lobbied to either amend, pass or oppose legislation for clients that would impact the client's business goals;

- Kathy's efforts and guidance supports clients' business timeline and budgets
- Lobbied with a team to oppose any nuclear bailout legislation in Pennsylvania
- Represents clients seeking to maintain or improve state appropriations support
- Worked with clients to achieve state funding for economic development initiatives – awards ranged from nearly \$750,000 to over \$2 million for specific projects
- Navigates government agencies in the federal, state and local sectors so the client has immediate access to key decision-makers
- Appointed to serve on the oversight committee for the Standardbred Racing Investigative Fund (SRIF)

Recognitions

- *City and State PA*, Above and Beyond: Women, 2025
- *Central Penn Business Journal*, Women of Influence, 2023
- *Central Penn Business Journal*, Power 30 Lobbyists List, 2023-2024
- *City & State PA*, Top 50 Pennsylvania Lobbyist, 2022
- Award for Distinguished Public Service from the City of Harrisburg's Mayor, 1999

Community Involvement

- Joshua Group, Board Member

Publications

- [Pa.'s Budget Process—Making Sense of a Difficult Legislative Puzzle](#), The Legal Intelligencer. (August 1, 2019)

Speaking Engagements

- "Grants," Saxton & Stump Municipal Law 101 Training (2026)
- "COVID-19 PA Government and Business Status Q&A," Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) (March 22, 2020)
- "The latest on government relations," Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) 2019 Municipal Legal Update (August 7, 2019)
- "When money grows on trees: 2019 budget update," Pennsylvania Society of Tax & Accounting Professionals (PSTAP) (July 15, 2019)
- "The calm before the storm: 2018/2019 budget," Pennsylvania Society of Tax & Accounting Professionals (PSTAP) (October 2, 2018)
- "Stay on the right track: legal, regulatory and government relations strategies for dealing with railroads in PA," Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) (April 18, 2018)
- "Love it or hate it... the budget is coming," Pennsylvania Bar Institute (PBI) (February 14, 2018)

Professional Affiliations

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Dauphin County Bar Association
- Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC – Government Relations Committee

- Pennsylvania Association for Government Relations
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania Bench Bar Planning Committee, 2016
- National Association of College and University Attorneys (2008-2010)
- University of Scranton Alumni Board of Governors (2003-2005)

Appointments

- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
 - Chair of the Civil Procedural Rules Committee, 2022
 - Vice Chair of the Civil Procedural Rules Committee, 2021
 - Civil Procedural Rules Committee, 2017-2020, reappointed 2020-2023
- Deputy Chief of Staff for Gov. Tom Corbett, 2011-2015
- Public School Employees Retirement System (PSERS), board member, ex officio, 2011-2013
- Special Deputy Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, 2014
- Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority, board member, 2013-2015
- Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Pennsylvania appointee, 2012-2014

Media Mentions

- [This week in Pennsylvania](#) 2024 year-end review, ABC 27. (December 29, 2024)
- [SRIF national investigative fund launched to protect horse welfare, strengthen integrity](#), United States Trotting Association (USTA) (September 30, 2020)
- [This week in Pennsylvania](#) on criminal justice reform and presidential election 2020, ABC 27. (September 15, 2019)
- [Nuclear industry doesn't deserve state bailout](#), The Morning Call. (May 10, 2019)
- [Exelon doesn't need taxpayer bailout to keep TMI operating](#), Lehigh Valley Live. (May 8, 2019)
- [School safety requires a trained eye for students' lives](#), PennLive. (January 24, 2019)
- [PA schools need to make the most of safety grants](#), Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. (October 14, 2018)