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Saxton & Stump Adds Medical Device Litigation Practice

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Lancaster County, PA, April 24, 2017 - Saxton & Stump has announced the establishment of a [Medical Device Litigation](#) practice. The new practice group represents clients in a variety of aspects of litigation involving medical devices, products liability claims, internal investigations and analysis of insurance exposure issues.

The practice is led by attorneys [Christopher A. Stump](#), COO, and [Steven D. Costello](#) along with uniquely qualified clinicians and consultants, including [Carol V. Freer, MD, MS, FACP, CPE](#), an infectious disease specialist, [Raymond L. Singer, MD, MMM, CPE, FACS, FACC, FCCP](#), a cardiac surgeon, [L. Gregory Pawlson, MD, MPH, FACS](#), an internal medicine specialist, and Phyllis M. Malpas, MA, RN, CGRN, a nationally recognized infection control nurse. The

Group's experienced lawyers include [James W. Saxton](#), [Shaun J. Mumford](#), Darlene K. King, Erin M. Redding, Carrie E. Evans, and [Amy L. Blackmore](#). [C. Andrea Gadd](#) serves as the lead paralegal and [Jack R. Lynch](#) as the technology advisor.

"These cases often involve a combination of legal, medical and scientific issues. Our multidisciplinary platform is therefore uniquely suited to help clients understand and prepare," explained James W. Saxton, CEO, and Carol V. Freer, MD, MS, FACP, CPE.

Saxton & Stump's expertise includes litigation and investigation in heater-cooler devices, which in October 2015, the FDA and Pennsylvania Department of Health advised health care providers and the public of a potential risk for aerosolized *Mycobacterium chimaera*, a specific strain of non-tuberculous mycobacterium, from heater-cooler devices during certain open heart surgeries. Saxton & Stump's attorneys and clinicians have focused on this new and developing phenomenon since the fall of 2015, and continue to do so. They are knowledgeable in FDA, CDC and Department of Health's recommendations and communications addressing this issue, as well as scientific and medical literature and research addressing atypical mycobacterium. Additionally, they are well informed about research being conducted into the aerosolization of *Mycobacterium chimaera* from heater-cooler devices and Stöckert/Sorin 3T Heater-Cooler Device Operating Instructions and Field Safety Notices. The dedicated team utilizes this unique knowledge to assist and counsel health care systems, hospitals and clinicians. Saxton & Stump is currently working on pending cases involving these alleged infections.

Based in Pennsylvania, Saxton & Stump is a legal and consulting firm that represents health care professionals and other businesses. The firm represents their clients in a wide range of legal and consulting services, including health care litigation and risk mitigation, labor and employment, and insurance coverage and bad faith matters. In addition to a team of experienced lawyers and paralegals, the firm employs physicians, nurses, psychologists, physician reimbursement specialists, health policy thought leaders and business experts.

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