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LANCASTER, Pa., August 27, 2019 — Saxton & Stump is pleased to announce that attorneys [James W. Saxton](#), [Erik M. Hume](#) and [Steven D. Costello](#) have been recognized in the 26th edition of [The Best Lawyers in America](#).

For nearly four decades, *Best Lawyers* has been the most widely recognized peer review publication in the legal industry. Outstanding lawyers are awarded the *Best Lawyers* honor after extensive and confidential evaluation from their peers. Almost 87,000 industry leading lawyers from around the world are eligible to vote, and nearly 10 million votes to date have been received regarding the legal abilities of other lawyers based on their specific practice areas.

James W. Saxton, Esq. is recognized for his work in Litigation – Health Care

Saxton has represented doctors, hospitals and other healthcare professionals in state and federal courts throughout his 30-plus year career. Utilizing his experience as a litigator, he advises hospitals and physicians on risk mitigation and counsels health care professionals on trial techniques and methods to move towards clinical best practices. Saxton has contributed to three hundred articles and books and is an invited speaker for nationally prominent healthcare organizations on health law and risk management issues. He has been recognized by his peer as a Best Lawyer, Lawyer of Distinction, Super Lawyer and Select Lawyer. He serves as an active member of many professional associations, including as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, a prestigious nomination reserved for less than one-half of one percent of the lawyers in the country; Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia and Board Member for SE Healthcare Quality Consulting. Saxton believes strongly in giving back to the community, volunteering in leadership roles and lending his expertise to many healthcare and community non-profits.

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Steven D. Costello, Esq. is recognized for his work in Medical Malpractice Law — Defendants and Professional Malpractice Law — Defendants

Costello has provided thoughtful, aggressive and effective representation to hospitals, physicians and long-term care facilities for more than 30 years of his career. Costello has received nearly 150 defense verdicts for health care systems, hospitals and insurance companies throughout his practice. The majority of Costello's cases have involved complex matters, such as catastrophic injury or death. In addition to being recognized as a Best Lawyer, Costello was selected as a 2016 Select Lawyer in the Lehigh Valley and as a Super Lawyer as published in Philadelphia magazine.

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Erik H. Hume, Esq. is recognized for his work in Real Estate Law

Hume, Chair of Saxton & Stump's [Real Estate Group](#) regularly handles matters relating to commercial and residential real estate transactions, land development, commercial loan origination and complex condominium and planned community matters. Relating to development projects, Hume negotiates agreements of sale, coordinates due diligence, obtains entitlements and manages the closing process. Throughout his practice, Hume has worked with developers, credit unions, pipeline companies, auto dealers, regional retail chains, college and universities and health care providers.

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