

Death Care



We understand your death care business and the unique regulations impacting the mortuary profession. We help funeral homes, cemeteries, crematories, and other mortuary businesses and professionals from start-up to sale and with questions, disputes and deals.

A Full-Service Team

Saxton & Stump's Death Care group is a multi-disciplinary practice covering areas such as:

Business

Our team assists death care businesses with:

- The purchase or sale of funeral homes, cemeteries and their assets
- Formation of a new business

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- Succession planning
- Financing
- Governance documents
- Corporate “clean-up”

Litigation

Our attorneys have defended death care businesses against claims in state and federal courts, including:

- Commercial and contract disputes
- Shareholder, member and partner disputes
- Indemnification and post-closing claims
- Consumer protection and unfair business practices
- Non-competes, trade secret claims and other business torts
- Discrimination, harassment and other employment claims

Regulation

Our group is experienced at helping death care clients through the unique compliance issues facing the profession:

- Licensing
- FTC Funeral Rule
- Preneed, trust, and insurance questions
- Investigations, inspections, and customer complaints
- Right of disposition issues and family disputes
- Cremation authorization
- Disinterment

Employment and Employee Benefits

Our team counsels clients on:

- Interviews, discipline and termination

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- Employee handbooks and policies
- Non-competes, severance agreements and other employment contracts
- Recruiting, hiring and background checks
- Executive compensation and employee incentive plans
- Retirement, health and welfare and benefits
- Employee ownership plans

Planning

Our team assists death care businesses and their owners plan for their future by assisting individuals and families with:

- Wills, trusts, powers of attorney
- Living wills, and health care directives
- Reviewing and updating existing estate plans
- Medical Assistance, asset preservation and elder law issues