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# Saxton & Stump adds IP attorney Steven O'Donnell Ph.D.

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**LANCASTER, Pa., May 1, 2023** — Saxton & Stump is pleased to announce that attorney [Steven L. O'Donnell, Ph.D.](#) has joined the firm in its [Intellectual Property Group](#). A registered patent attorney who grew his solo practice for over a decade, O'Donnell counsels businesses on protecting their established and potential IP. At Saxton & Stump, O'Donnell will continue to work with businesses and entrepreneurs to identify and protect their intellectual property. O'Donnell's former firm becomes the third solo IP practice folded into Saxton & Stump in the last 18 months after former solo practitioners [Andrew Mead](#) and [Jason Somma](#) also joined during this time.

"Steve is the latest addition to an IP team that now includes a renowned litigator, a former patent examiner, a team

of franchise attorneys, and several successful entrepreneurs with backgrounds in finance and tech,” Saxton & Stump CEO [James W. Saxton](#) said. “We’re excited to welcome Steve as he’s going to join a group dedicated to bringing experience, knowledge and our client-centric focus to businesses and individuals.”

O’Donnell has been working in patent and trademark law for more than 20 years and has obtained numerous patents and trademarks for his clients. In addition to the patents he already has helped his clients secure, he has dozens pending patent applications in front of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He also has a large portfolio of trademark registrations and applications under his management. He is approved to try cases in front of the USPTO and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Before O’Donnell received his law degree from the Temple University Beasley School of Law, he first received a Ph.D. in neuroscience from the Penn State Medical College in Hershey.

The professionals of the Saxton & Stump Intellectual Property Group help businesses define and protect their innovations, branding or creative works through the creation, implementation, transfer and litigation of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets. The group, led by chair [Andrew Oltmans](#), has worked with multinational companies, manufacturers, franchises, small and medium-sized businesses, entrepreneurs, startups and creators in a wide range of industries. In the last year, the group has added renowned intellectual property litigator [M. Kelly Tillery](#) and also IP attorney and business consultant Somma. O’Donnell becomes the fourth patent attorney in the group with Oltmans, Mead and [Megan Van Leeuwen](#).

## *Saxton & Stump’s strategic growth outlook*

The firm was named one of the fastest growing law firms in Pennsylvania by *The Legal Intelligencer* in 2022. Overall, Saxton & Stump has grown to a team of more than 190 professionals, including over 100 attorneys. Recently, the firm has added established groups dedicated to [education](#), [public finance](#), [franchising licensing and distribution](#), [investigations and criminal defense](#) and [environmental, workplace safety and utilities](#).

The firm continues to grow based on its strategic plan for 2023 and 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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