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# Saxton & Stump attorney Rene Stuhr Dukes named to South Carolina Lawyers Weekly's 2026 "Family Law Power List"

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**CHARLESTON, S.C., October 28, 2026 —** *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly* has named Saxton & Stump's Rene Stuhr Dukes to its 2026 "Family Law Power List," marking her second time on the list since 2024. Dukes is a shareholder at the firm and co-chair of its Family Law Group. The list recognizes accomplished senior leaders with extensive knowledge of case law, statutes, and regulations, a proven track record of success, and a reputation that earns referrals from fellow attorneys, along with the creative thinking to identify every possible option for a client.

“I’m grateful to South Carolina Lawyers Weekly for including me on the Family Law Power List again this year,” Dukes said. “Family law cases involve some of the most pivotal chapters in people’s lives, and I’m fortunate to do this work alongside so many talented attorneys across the state.”

In her family law practice, Dukes handles a wide range of domestic matters, including child custody, parental alienation, third-party custody and visitation, modification actions, alimony, divorce, equitable division, termination of parental rights, and familial adoption.

She is also a member of the firm’s Education and Labor and Employment groups. On the employment side, she conducts workplace misconduct investigations, advises on employment policies and practices, and has represented clients in matters involving the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), Title VII, Title IX, the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), and the South Carolina Payment of Wages Act. Her education law work ranges from student disciplinary hearings to employee terminations and general liability claims.

Dukes is committed to pro bono service, including work on behalf of victims of human trafficking. She also devoted hundreds of hours to a complex child custody hearing following the June 2015 mass shooting at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston.

Her work has earned recognition from respected legal and business publications. In 2025, South Carolina Lawyers Weekly named her one of its Influential Women of Law. She holds an AV Preeminent® rating from Martindale-Hubbell®, the highest peer rating for legal ability and ethical standards, and has been named to Charleston Business Magazine’s Legal Elite every year from 2019 through 2024.

Dukes earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia, an M.Ed. in clinical counseling from The Citadel, and her law degree from Charleston School of Law.

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

Saxton & Stump continues to expand its Charleston office, offering a full range of legal and consulting services across South Carolina. The firm is a dynamic, full-service organization of 300 professionals, including more than 150 attorneys and more than 40 paralegals across 11 offices. This expanding platform enhances the firm’s ability to serve clients and includes seven growing affiliated companies that extend its business advisory reach nationwide.

Saxton & Stump provides solutions to complex legal and business challenges with five-star service and results-focused advice, offering a refreshingly different experience for clients, attorneys, and business professionals alike.

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