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Saxton & Stump recognized in 35 practice areas on 2026 “Best Law Firms®” list

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LANCASTER, Pa., November 6, 2025 — National attorney-rating service Best Lawyers has recognized Saxton & Stump in 34 regional practice areas and one national practice area on its 2026 Best Law Firms® list. The firm received a National Tier 3 recognition in Railroad Law.

The 35 total rankings, based on client and peer reviews, represent a nearly 30% increase from the firm’s 2025

recognitions, underscoring Saxton & Stump's continued growth and excellence across its key disciplines.

"Our strategic growth plan continues to deliver measurable results," Saxton & Stump CEO James W. Saxton said. "This year, we welcomed the attorneys and professionals from former law firm Stock and Leader in York, expanded into Pittsburgh with a state-of-the-art, new office, and added 44 new attorneys across our regions. These milestones reflect the strength of our collaborative model and our ability to attract top talent. As we continue to grow, we remain focused on providing innovative, solutions-driven service to help our clients succeed."

Firms included in the Best Law Firms® list are ranked in tiers based on professional excellence, client feedback, and peer evaluations. Tier 1 represents the highest level of recognition in each practice area and region. Saxton & Stump received the following recognitions on the 2026 list:

National Tier 3: Railroad Law

Tier 1 Charleston: Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Trusts and Estates

Tier 1 Harrisburg: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Health Care, Litigation – Insurance, Litigation – Labor and Employment, Litigation – Trusts and Estates, Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants

Tier 1 Philadelphia: Criminal Defense: White-Collar

Tier 1 Pittsburgh: Construction Law, Litigation — Construction

Tier 2 Charleston-SC: Bet-the-Company Litigation, Employment Law – Individuals, Employment Law – Management

Tier 2 Harrisburg: Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Corporate Law, Criminal Defense: White-Collar, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Real Estate Law, Trusts and Estates

Tier 2 Philadelphia: Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent, Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants

Tier 3 Charleston: Litigation – Labor and Employment

Tier 3 Harrisburg: Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Criminal Defense: General Practice, Employment Law – Individuals, Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Bankruptcy, Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Tier 3 Philadelphia: Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants

Tier 3 Pittsburgh: Insurance Law, Railroad Law

Best Lawyers also compiles the annual Best Lawyers in America® list. In August, the rating service recognized 35 Saxton & Stump attorneys on its 2026 list, including "Lawyer of the Year" awards for Cherie W. Blackburn of the firm's Charleston office and Katherine Pandelidis Granbois of the Lancaster office.

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Saxton & Stump's strategic growth outlook

With nearly 300 professionals, including more than 150 attorneys, Saxton & Stump continues to grow through its innovative, collaborative model that attracts top legal talent. 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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James W. Saxton
Katherine Pandelidis Granbois
Cherie W. Blackburn

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