

# Attorney and Judicial Ethics and Discipline

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Saxton & Stump's Attorney and Judicial Ethics and Discipline team provides counsel to judges, lawyers and law firms on ethical, professional responsibility and business matters. Led by [Hon. Robert A. Graci \(Ret.\)](#), former Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge and retired Chief Counsel to the Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania, our attorneys offer confidential and effective assistance on complex matters. When faced with ethics and disciplinary issues as a lawyer or judge, Saxton & Stump understands that your livelihood could be at stake. Our experienced Attorney and Judicial Ethics and Discipline team is familiar with the system and knows the details of the processes in place. We are sensitive to the critical nature of these issues and work diligently toward a prompt and fair resolution.

## *Attorney and Law Firm Representation*

We help lawyers and law firms navigate the intricate discipline system when

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responding to allegations of misconduct or ethics violations and work towards favorable resolutions when issues arise such as:

- Violations of The Rules of Professional Conduct
- Inquiries and investigations by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel
- Proceedings before the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- Proceedings before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

## **Related Services and Industries**

[Appellate and Post-Trial Advocacy Litigation](#)  
[Investigations and Criminal Defense](#)

## *Judge and Judicial Candidate Representation*

It is crucial to the essence of our legal system that judges are held to a high standard of professional and personal conduct. Still, we recognize that sometimes individuals can make mistakes. With two former judges on staff, our team is exceedingly knowledgeable and considerate towards such matters and provides counsel on ethics and disciplinary issues such as:

- Judicial campaign matters involving judges and judicial candidates
- Violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct
- Violations of the Rules Governing Standards of Conduct of Magisterial District Judges
- Inquiries and investigations by the Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania
- Proceedings before the Court of Judicial Discipline of Pennsylvania
- Proceedings before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court
- Investigations and proceedings under the federal Judicial Conduct and Disability Act

## *Ethics and Professional Responsibility Consulting*

Saxton & Stump's attorneys act as a resource for attorneys, corporate general counsel and law firms. We are experienced with consulting on matters pertaining to Pennsylvania's Rules of Professional Conduct and provide guidance to help manage risk and avoid complaints in the following areas:

- Legal ethics counseling and opinions

- Law firm formation and partnership agreements
- Lateral transition and attorney departure
- Partnership termination and structured dissolution
- Legal marketing and advertising
- Draft or review law firm practice manuals
- Expert witness on ethics and responsibility