

Commercial Litigation



The outcome of a business dispute can significantly benefit or harm your company. Our team consults with clients to understand their objectives and craft a legal strategy that fits their business strategy. Whether that includes seeking an efficient resolution, enforcing contracts or representing our clients throughout a trial or appeal, we are able to provide counsel for businesses defending or pursuing their interests.

As a full-service law firm, our industry groups have experience representing the specific needs of many industry sectors. Our collaborative approach also means we can bring cross-industry insights to pursuing favorable resolution. Our attorneys regularly handle all manner of business-related claims including:

- Business contract disputes
- Professional liability
- Labor and employment matters including class-action defense
- Mergers, acquisitions or other transactions
- Insurance claims
- Intellectual property

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- Employee benefits and executive compensation
- Regulatory and governmental affairs
- Environmental and workplace safety issues

Settle outside of the courtroom

Our approach is proactive, with the aim of reducing the potential for a dispute to go to court. In the appropriate cases, alternative dispute resolution methods provide clients with a faster, more affordable resolution than going to trial. Regardless of the resolution method utilized, our goal is to ensure that a satisfactory settlement, for both parties involved, is met.

Experience litigating business disputes

Saxton & Stump's Commercial Litigation Group brings decades of litigation experience and numerous successful cases to your business's disputes. Our litigators have experience representing business owners, corporate entities and government agencies.

If needed, our trial attorneys are prepared to handle routine and complex cases that can arise. Our shareholders, many of whom have more than 25 years of trial experience, contribute an excess of 400 jury trials to our experience, including defending claims in front of state and federal courts.

We are well-versed in determining whether a case is better suited for trial or if an alternative dispute resolution is more befitting. When trial is favorable, our litigators will utilize their experience from hundreds of successful cases to build an aggressive, strong defense to propel our clients towards a favorable conclusion.

The firm's litigators represent businesses in all manners of disputes:

- Corporate and business entity control litigation
- Shareholder, member and partner disputes
- Directors and officer's liability
- Contract and warranty claims
- Transactional disputes
- Business torts
- Banking and lender liability

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- Class actions
- Consumer fraud and unfair business practices
- [Intellectual Property](#)
- [Labor and employment](#) conflicts
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Investment and wealth management issues
- Corporate governance
- [Real estate](#) transactions/lease disputes
- Bankruptcy litigation
- Product liability claims
- Insurance claims
- Mortgage, consumers and commercial banking litigation
- Creditors' rights litigation
- Commercial collection litigation
- Unfair and deceptive trade practices
- REO disputes
- Title insurance issues

The services of our skilled attorneys are complimented by our in-house Technology Trial team. Our Technology Trial team has comprehensive experience in trial preparation, on-site trial support and trial technology. The members of our Technology Trial team support our lawyers by determining the best way to prepare and display critical evidence and exhibits during trial. We utilize trial technology to promote a more seamless, time-efficient and cost-effective trial presentation.

Insight from the Bench

Honorable [Lawrence F. Stengel](#) (Ret.) served as a state and federal judge for 28 year — 14 years as a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (EDPA) and 14 years on the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas. Throughout his career, he presided over jury and non-jury trials. Additionally, he has decided hundreds of summary judgement motions and helped parties reach a settlement.

Honorable [Margaret B. Seymour](#) (Ret.) has also served as a federal judge for 26 years in the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina. During her time, she served as the court's chief judge and later earned senior status, and

she presided over numerous civil cases, including environmental cleanup disputes, multi-state class action litigation, products liability claims and bankruptcy matters.