

Death Care



At Saxton & Stump, you'll find a trusted team of legal advisors who understand your death care business and the unique regulations impacting the mortuary profession. Leveraging our industry experience, we help funeral homes, cemeteries, crematories, and other mortuary businesses and professionals from start-up to sale and with each question, dispute and deal in between.

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A Full-Service Team

Saxton & Stump's Death Care group is a multi-disciplinary practice, which allows our clients to leverage attorneys and consultants who are well-versed in their respective focus areas:

Business

Our team of experienced [mergers and acquisitions \(M&A\)](#) attorneys can assist with the purchase or sale of funeral homes, cemeteries and their assets, with a

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focus on getting the best deal possible, while maintaining good relationships and the bottom line.

Our [Business, Corporate and Tax](#) group can assist with forming a new business, succession planning, financing, governance documents and corporate “clean-up.”

Our [Employee Benefits](#) attorneys advise on all aspects of executive compensation and retirement, health and welfare and employee ownership plans.

Related Services and Industries

[Labor and Employment](#)
[Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation](#)
[Environmental, Workplace Safety and Utilities](#)
[Business, Corporate and Tax](#)
[Trusts and Estates](#)
[Regulatory and Government Affairs](#)
[Litigation](#)

Regulation

Death care is highly regulated, and our attorneys are experienced at helping clients through the unique compliance issues facing the profession like:

- Licensing
- FTC Funeral Rule
- Preneed, trust, and insurance questions
- Investigations, inspections, and customer complaints
- Right of disposition issues and family disputes
- Cremation authorization
- Disinterment

Our full-service team can also address the regulatory issues that effect almost any business. Our [Real Estate](#) attorneys can advise clients on leasing, zoning, land use issues. Our [Environmental, Workplace Safety and Utilities](#) group can assist with environmental, air quality and OSHA matters.

And our [Regulatory and Government Affairs](#) professionals can monitor and help clients proactively shape future regulation.

Planning

Death care professionals know the value of planning ahead, and our team’s goal is to assist death care businesses and their owners manage their risk and plan for their future.

Our [Trusts and Estates](#) attorneys assist individuals and families in the preparation of wills, trusts, powers of attorney, living wills, and health care

directives, and in the periodic review and updating of existing estate plans. In addition, our Trusts and Estates team also advises on Medical Assistance, asset preservation and elder law issues.

Our [Labor and Employment](#) team counsels clients on best practices with respect to interviews, discipline and termination and assist with reviewing, revising and drafting applications, handbooks, policies, and non-competes, severance agreements and other employment documents with the goal of mitigating claims.

Our strategic partner, [Granite HR Consulting](#), offers services including employee recruiting, hiring and background checks, employee relations and training.

Litigation

When planning isn't enough, our [litigation](#) team thoughtfully, aggressively and effectively litigates claims in state and federal courts, including:

- Commercial and contract disputes
- Shareholder, member and partner disputes
- Fraud, defamation and other business torts
- Consumer protection and unfair business practices
- Trade secret and non-compete claims
- Discrimination, harassment and other employment claims