

Investigations and Criminal Defense



Saxton & Stump's Investigations and Criminal Defense Group counsels businesses and individuals in all aspects of criminal and administrative investigations, including complex tax matters, anti-trust litigation, commercial litigation and regulatory enforcement actions. Our team brings a wealth of experience and insight to every engagement whether navigating an in-house investigation, responding to subpoenas and search warrants, preparing for interviews and testimony, handling complicated sentencing matters, negotiating non-prosecution, deferred prosecution, plea agreements or trying cases when necessary.

The group is led by co-chair [Mark E. Cedrone, Esq.](#), a prominent defense attorney who for 35 years has represented an array of clients, including prominent business leaders facing serious disputes with governmental agencies, and co-chair [Hon. Lawrence Stengel \(Ret.\)](#), who spent almost 30 years as a federal and county judge before entering private practice. Our team also includes former judges, prosecutors and noted litigators such as the [Hon. Robert A. Graci \(Ret.\)](#), highly experienced defense attorneys [William A. DeStefano, Esq.](#) and [William C. Costopoulos, Esq.](#) as well as former Pennsylvania Deputy Attorney General [Carson B. Morris, Esq.](#)

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Defense of Criminal and Administrative Investigations

Our attorneys advise clients on their rights and obligations under federal and state law and provide counsel on various regulatory compliance issues, including those involving:

- Tax crimes
- Environmental law violations
- Consumer/commercial fraud
- Antitrust violations
- Public corruption
- Money laundering
- Healthcare fraud
- Bank fraud
- Insurance fraud
- Federal securities laws and regulations
- Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA)
- The False Claims Act (FCA)
- Corporate integrity agreements
- Trade secret litigation
- Data breach and privacy violations

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Regulatory Authorities

We are experienced with helping clients to understand and effectively navigate the complexities of the state and Federal judicial system and government regulatory authorities including, but not limited to:

Law Enforcement

- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
- Office of Inspector General (OIG)
- Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General (OAG)
- Pennsylvania State Police
- Local law enforcement

Financial

- Internal Revenue Service
- U.S. Department of Treasury
- Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
- Financial industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)
- Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities (DoBS)

Labor

- U.S. Equal Employment Commission (EEOC)
- U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS)
- U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)
- Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH)
- Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (DLI)
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
- National Labor Review Board (NLRB)
- Bureau of Professional & Occupational Affairs (BPOA)

Environmental and Utilities

- Public Utility Commission (PUC)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Business Practices

- Professional licensing boards
- Small Business Administration
- Pennsylvania Gaming Commission
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)

Investigations

Our group possesses the capability of not only conducting the investigation, but also assembling and leading diverse individuals with specialized backgrounds to provide a comprehensive assessment of the situation. During the course of its practice, Saxton & Stump's Internal Investigations team has worked with current and former law enforcement investigators and officials, current and former government officials, and nationally recognized experts in their respective fields to:

- Assemble and lead teams to conduct thorough investigations, in cooperation with government agencies, when appropriate
- Develop a relevant and complete factual record
- Identify and provide comprehensive management of all legal issues

The group includes an [experienced group of attorneys](#) whose collective professional experience includes:

- Internal corporate investigations/audits involving potential malfeasance
- [Title IX](#) compliance and complaint investigations
- Employment investigations involving issues related to unlawful harassment
- Regulatory enforcement
- Medicare Fraud and Abuse
- HIPAA Investigations and Audits
- Infectious Disease investigations and remediation programs
- Medical Staff investigations
- Business integrity, compliance, and ethics
- Monitorships

The team recognizes the internal and external sensitivities involved in conducting an "in-house" investigation. Our team brings the skill, expertise, and experience necessary to conduct a detailed, objective, and, when required, confidential investigation. Regardless of whether the investigation has been directed by an outside entity, sought by the company's board of directors, or requested by management, Saxton & Stump's team focuses on the requirements and parameters of every assignment and minimizing the potential disruption to your organization.

Collaborative Approach

When partnering with us, you partner with a team of lawyers who are recognized leaders in their fields. As the regulatory environment becomes more complex, we focus on creating defense strategies that avoid prosecution and provide the best possible outcomes for our clients. The team conducts detailed, objective, and confidential investigations. We also assist clients with the design, audit, and implementation of corporate compliance programs to minimize future legal risks.

Our risk mitigation team of attorneys and professionals bring industry knowledge to counsel clients before action is taken, limiting risk and negative repercussions. In addition to our in-house resources, we have worked with current and former law enforcement investigators, current and former government officials, and nationally recognized experts in their respective fields.