

Trucking and Commercial Transportation



If you are a commercial transportation owner or operator who has been involved in an accident, call our Emergency Response team at (717) 385-9636 or (267) 334-6909 to speak with an attorney immediately.

Saxton & Stump's Trucking and Commercial Transportation attorneys understand that this industry is essential and arguably the backbone for many other major industries. When it comes to legal matters that impact your business, you need a trusted legal advisor who understands your business, industry and strategic goals. We are familiar with the insurance and financial responsibility requirements of transportation and logistics companies and their insurers. Our team represents motor carriers, insurance carriers, manufacturers, shippers, freight forwarders, owner operators, intermodal carriers and transportation brokers on transactions, litigation, regulatory compliance, labor and employment and accident investigations.

We stay up-to-date on the latest developments in the trucking industry and proudly serve as general counsel and board members to the Pennsylvania

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Motor Truck Association. Our attorneys are dedicated to educating business owners and operators on legal matters and regulatory changes that impact them and provide strategic solutions to help them reach their business goals. Industry and professional associations routinely seek out our attorneys to speak at their events to educate their members on the latest legal trends that affect the trucking industry. In August 2022, the Carlisle, Pa.-based boutique transportation law firm Marcello & Kivisto joined us, increasing the depth and experience of the group.

Regulatory, Transactional and Licensing

Our attorneys understand the complex and ever-changing regulations impacting the transportation industry and support clients on matters including:

- Transportation contract reviews and negotiations
- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs)
- Pennsylvania Intrastate Motor Carrier Safety Requirements
- Driver qualification and hiring practices
- Hours of service regulations, audits and violations
- Independent owner operator vs. employee driver matters
- Permitting and permit violations
- Safety compliance and safety audits
- Independent owner operator agreements
- Equipment lease and purchase agreements
- Facility lease and purchase agreements
- Labor and employment issues

Commercial Motor Vehicle Claims

The Trucking and Commercial Transportation team defends clients involved with claims such as:

- Defense of personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits
- Motor vehicle accident investigations
- Pre-litigation advice and counsel to claims professionals
- Cargo and property damage claims

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- Carrier, shipper or broker disputes
- Commercial traffic citations and permit violations
- Record retention and evidence preservation
- Recovery of unlawfully seized equipment

Accident Investigations

Our attorneys are available 24/7 to provide counsel to companies or insureds involved in an accident where there are immediate concerns to protect evidence and the interests of the driver and the company. Our team has investigated and defended hundreds of accidents involving commercial motor vehicles, and our team includes an attorney with his commercial driver's license (CDL). We provide clients with a strategic advantage when it comes to advancing their interests in claims and lawsuits. Our evaluation of each assignment begins with a thorough analysis of the issues impacting liability and damages. We then work with our clients to formulate a strategy to reach a practical resolution of every matter. Whether the claim warrants pre-litigation settlement discussions, mediation or an aggressive defense through trial, our litigators have the experience to meet those needs.

Access to a Full-Service Team

When partnering with us, you partner with a team of lawyers who are recognized leaders in their fields. Saxton & Stump is a multi-disciplinary law firm, which allows our Trucking and Commercial Transportation clients to leverage attorneys and consultants who are well-versed in their respective focus areas.

Saxton & Stump's [Business and Corporate Law](#) group can assist on general business matters, forming a new business, business succession planning, financing, governance documents and contract reviews. We have a team of experienced [Mergers and Acquisitions](#) (M&A) attorneys who can assist with the purchase and sale of trucking and commercial transportation companies and their assets. They also work closely with our [Intellectual Property](#) attorneys on franchising and trade secret matters.

[Labor and Employment](#) matters impact the day-to-day operations of trucking and commercial transportation businesses. We review employment agreements, employee handbooks and human resources policies to ensure compliance with federal and state law. Our Labor and Employment attorneys can advise on issues related to compliance with Department of Labor (DoL),

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) inspections.

Our [Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation](#) attorneys understand and advise on all aspects of employee benefit law. We work with clients to design, implement and administer retirement, executive compensation and health and welfare benefit plans.

When [Real Estate](#) issues arise, our team can advise clients on leasing, zoning, environmental and land use laws. We can also assist in property transfers, commercial lending, banking and finance and tax-related matters. Our real estate team works closely with our [Construction Law](#) attorneys who can advise on project planning, contract negotiation, claim preparation and construction dispute resolutions.

Saxton & Stump recognizes that the government and state agencies have an impact on every industry sector in our economy and that laws and regulations impact the bottom lines, and can even determine the future, for businesses and organizations. Our [Regulatory and Government Affairs](#) team empowers clients to shape decisions to gain a competitive edge. We provide timely and relevant information and the ability to identify and access government officials about proposed regulations and legislation that affect their businesses.

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