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OVERVIEW

Tim focuses his practice on commercial litigation, with an emphasis on healthcare and financial services.

Tim analyzes client circumstances when advising them on matters ranging from business disputes to breach of contract issues to post-judgment collection actions. He manages cases by formulating case strategies, managing discovery efforts, drafting pleadings and dispositive motions, and routinely arguing motions in court. Tim handles complex restructuring/financing arrangements in connection with settling some cases.

Tim represents healthcare clients in front of administrative agencies. He handles licensing issues for medical professionals, regularly defending physicians before the Texas Medical Board and nurses before the Texas Board of Nursing. He represents physicians, clinics and hospitals with appeals involving the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Tim's experience also includes managed care litigation and representing clients involved with False Claims Act litigation.

Prior to joining Husch Blackwell, Tim worked as a judicial extern to the Hon. U.S. Magistrate Judge Jeff Manske in the U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas. Before attending law school, Tim earned a master's degree in medicinal chemistry and worked in drug development. During that time, he focused on developing new antibiotics and oncology drugs.

Featured Experience

Industries

Healthcare
Life Sciences
Education

Services

Chemistry & Biotech
Commercial Litigation
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Husch Blackwell recovers \$350,000 of previously uncollectible assets for client

When a client came to Husch Blackwell with a judgment against an individual in their noncollectible asset category, Tim and his team dove into background research to identify assets that could be used toward collection of the judgment. Tim and his team conducted extensive discovery to identify the assets that would provide the highest return on investment for the client. After several days of hearings, the judge granted the requested release, allowing our client to recover over \$350,000 – 85 percent of the previously uncollectible judgment.

Experience

HEALTHCARE MATTERS

- Successfully guided healthcare professionals through administrative proceedings in front of licensing boards and agencies regarding licensure issues up to and including criminal allegations.
- Routinely represented both payors and payees in disputes regarding both in- and out-of-network billing disputes.
- Represented clients in investigations and litigation involving allegations of healthcare fraud.
- Successfully obtained a defense award for a physician practice in arbitration by defending the client against the practice's former employees alleging fraud, breach of contract, and other partnership claims.
- Routinely represent clients in payor-provider disputes involving payment disputes over health insurance claims, breach of contract, violations of the Texas Insurance Code, and the Texas Prompt Payment Act.
- Representing clients in a wrongful death lawsuits involving health insurance and employment claims.
- Representing a franchisor client in a contractual/tort lawsuit against a franchisee for contract and tort claims.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- Successfully represented financial institutions in all phases of post-judgment collection.

Experience

- Represented banking client in contested hearing in trial court involving post-judgment collection efforts. After judgment debtor appealed trial court's ruling, successfully defended trial court's ruling in court of appeals.
- Significantly defended financial client in breach of contract suit on sworn account and identifying further recovery strategies against third party.
- Assisted banking client in recovering previously uncollectible judgment of \$5 million in unpaid debt using procedural device strategies.
- Assisted financial client in locating and collecting over \$500,000 in post-judgment unpaid debt.
- Represented financial client in breach of contract suit with approximately \$18 million in damages.
- Researched and drafted appeal briefs in Texas State Courts of Appeals and in Fifth Circuit and Ninth Circuit U.S. Courts of Appeals.
- Represented bank client in a lawsuit against an entity and personal guarantors for breach of contract and breach of their personal guaranty agreements.
- Represented equipment leasing client in lawsuits against its former customers and the customers' personal guarantors for breaches of contract and the personal guaranty agreements.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Secured mandatory temporary restraining order and temporary injunction for tech startup client in Austin when outside developer cut off client's access to its proprietary software after dispute over payment terms and scope of work. Further, legal team obtained client's right to access and possess software, source code and background information for final development.

Recognition

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation, 2021-2024
- Thomson Reuters' *Texas Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2022-2023
- *Austin Monthly* magazine, Top Austin Attorney, Commercial Litigation, 2022 and 2023

Education

- J.D., Baylor Law School
 - *Baylor Law Review*, Technical Editor
 - Baylor Barrister Society
- M.S., University of Kansas
 - with honors
 - Medicinal Chemistry
- B.S., Baylor University
 - Health Science

Admissions

- Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

Community Leadership

Tim helps low-income individuals access legal aid by offering his pro bono services to Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas. This rewarding collaboration has allowed Tim to assist community members work around foreclosure proceedings, find alternative living agreements and settle licensing issues that impact their earning capacity.



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