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OVERVIEW

Clients trust Tim, a strategy game enthusiast, to navigate the defense of toxic tort and product liability claims in some of the nation's most difficult jurisdictions.

As national coordinating counsel for a variety of consumer product, agricultural, and industrial manufacturers, Tim has a wealth of experience negotiating claims pre-lawsuit all the way through trial. With a deep understanding of the key issues in his practice, Tim is equipped to handle discovery management, depositions, corporate witness preparation, expert witness development, pre-trial and dispositive motion practice, and dispute resolution proceedings.

Tim oversees a team of litigators and has successfully led the defense of mass tort and product liability claims in California, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and the U.S. Virgin Islands for a wide range of clients. Additionally, Tim has served on trial teams for some of the most high-profile civil lawsuits in Missouri over the past decade.

Tim has also published a variety of articles related to mass tort and product liability litigation on important topics that directly impact liability in the manufacturing industry.

Industry

Manufacturing

Services

Asbestos Litigation
Complex Torts (CXT)
Product Liability
Toxic Tort

Featured Experience

A Precedent-Setting Defense

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In a wrongful death case involving secondary exposure allegations, Tim was instrumental in obtaining a court order requiring the disclosure of authorizations of a decedent's pre-deceased husband in order to properly investigate the allegations on behalf of his manufacturing client.

This case involved allegations that the decedent was exposed to asbestos while laundering her husband's work clothes. While plaintiffs are required to disclose authorizations to obtain relevant documents, including employment and Social Security earnings records, non-parties are only required to disclose this information by consent or subpoena. Arguing that the pre-deceased husband was "subpoena-proof" pursuant to Social Security Administration requirements, and plaintiff refusing to consent to client requests, the court ordered plaintiff to disclose the proper documentation to properly defend the client in a case of first impression in one of the most plaintiff-friendly jurisdictions in the United States. Ultimately, this case was resolved to the client's satisfaction, and set an important precedent for future secondary exposure cases within the jurisdiction.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America®*
  - Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants, 2026 and 2027
  - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2026 and 2027
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
  - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2023-2025
- *Missouri Lawyers Media*
  - Verdicts and Settlements Award, 2023
- Leadership St. Louis, 2021-2022 Class

Education

- J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law
  - Dean's List
- B.A., University of Dayton
  - *cum laude*

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Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois

Community Leadership

- Saint Louis University High School Alumni Board
- Mock trial judge for local St. Louis high school students

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*Contact Tim to set up an in-person consultation by appointment in the St. Louis office.



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