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OVERVIEW

Tim is a toxic tort and product liability attorney passionate about the benefits the law provides.

As a child, when Tim asked about his grandfather's wheelchair, he was told an attorney helped his family through difficult circumstances. He pursued a legal education in order to have a positive impact. After law school, he practiced in the area of civil defense, and quickly saw its importance. The defense, Tim believes, deserves a full hearing. In his field, a strong defense plays a role in protecting not only companies, but also consumers and workers: the investigations Tim performs reveal the facts, help ensure that corporations follow the law and discourage frivolous lawsuits from wasting courts' time.

Tim's practice focuses on the defense of complex, multi-party civil cases, including all aspects of product liability, consumer fraud and mass toxic tort. Tim sees the law as a strategy game: his understanding of the science, medical issues, factual investigation and complexity of toxic tort claims help him craft legal arguments and plan the best defense possible for clients to achieve a successful resolution.

Featured Experience

A Precedent-Setting Defense

In a wrongful death case involving secondary exposure allegations, Tim was instrumental in obtaining a court order requiring the

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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

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2023 and 2024
- *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*

Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois

Community Leadership

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

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



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