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Tim represents major corporate clients in their most high-profile and high-risk complex litigation matters, including civil and criminal litigation, large class actions, and significant investigations.

Tim is a senior trial attorney who represents large corporate clients in complex litigation matters, including class actions. Tim is a veteran of numerous civil jury trials, appellate proceedings, and corporate internal investigations and recently represented a large corporate client class member in a multi-billion-dollar class action involving dozens of parties and multiple counterclaims, which resulted in a mid-nine-figure settlement for the class. Tim has handled major antitrust litigation, insurance litigation, major privacy and data security matters, unfair competition matters, major Telephone Consumer Protection Act cases, and Lanham Act matters, as well as several major bankruptcy court litigation proceedings for a major bank. He has also represented clients in government and internal investigations involving highly sensitive corporate matters, including grand jury and board committee investigations.

Key Matters

Tim has represented clients such as The Travelers Co., Aon Corporation, Great Lakes Dredge & Dock, Medline Industries, Harris Bank, the City of Chicago, PMC, Inc., and numerous other large corporate clients in major civil litigation, class actions, and investigations.

Tim's select experience includes the following:

- Served as trial counsel for Illinois Supreme Court Justice James D. Heiple in a historic impeachment hearing and trial before the Illinois legislature—the first such trial in over 132 years.
- Represented former Illinois Gov. George Ryan at his media-intense, six month criminal trial
- Represented the then-House Ways & Means Chairman Dan Rostenkowski in his criminal proceedings
- Represented Bell Atlantic in major Justice Department proceedings relating to its mergers with fellow telecom giants GTE and NYNEX, both of which were among the largest mergers in American history at the time.
- Led the representation of Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co., the marine construction company, in all aspects of the vast litigation arising out of the infamous Great Chicago Flood of 1992.

Tim has also handled other high-profile matters such as the 1993 Chicago Public School litigation and the 1992 Illinois Redistricting litigation on behalf of the victorious Senate Republicans. In addition, among the many matters he has handled for Aon Corporation over the years was the significant shareholder litigation brought following the September 11 tragedy.

Recognitions

Tim and his fellow white collar litigation attorneys in Chicago were named “Chicago Litigation Department of the Year” by *National Law Journal* for white collar defense in 2014.

He is the 2005 recipient of the “Accipiter Award,” which annually honors a distinguished lawyer in the Fenwick community who has provided meritorious service to the legal profession. In 2008, Tim was elected to the Fenwick High School Hall of Fame.

Activities

Tim has served on the Dean's Advisory Committee for the University of Notre Dame Law School since 2000. He also teaches in the trial advocacy program at the law school.

Tim is the past chairman of the Board of Trustees of Fenwick High School, where he has served on the Board since 1989, and served as chairman of the Board from 1999–2005—becoming the longest-serving Board chairman in Fenwick's 80-year history.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Tim received a J.D. from Notre Dame Law School in 1982, and received a B.A. in Economics, with honors, from Northwestern University in 1979, where he played varsity football.

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