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### **My Assistant**

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Tim is a civil trial attorney with over 30 years of experience. He has tried over 75 jury cases to verdict and has handled many more mediations and arbitrations. Tim has represented a variety of businesses and individuals in both complex litigation and a variety of challenging cases.

He regularly handles the defense and prosecution of civil matters in the following areas:

- Labor and Employment Law
- Personal Injury
- Railroad FELA and Railroad Crossings and other Railroad related cases
- Commercial Matters
- Regulatory
- Third Party
- Insurance/Fire Loss
- Environmental and Toxic Torts
- Real Estate
- Contract Matters/Fiduciary Duty Disputes
- Product Liability
- Business Disputes
- Will and Trust Disputes

## THE ADVANTAGE OF WORKING WITH ME

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As a lawyer, my priority is to focus on the needs and requirements of clients. I measure my success based on the success of my

### **Industries**

Railroad

### **Practices**

Litigation

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### **Education**

B.S., University of Oregon  
Economics

J.D., University of Oregon Law  
School

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### **Admissions**

- Oregon State Bar
  - Washington State Bar
  - Idaho State Bar
  - United States District Court for the District of Oregon
  - United States District Court for the District of Idaho
  - United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
  - United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
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### **Honors**

clients' experience with the legal system. I prioritize listening carefully in order to truly understand the client's unique requirements, and then tailor my advice accordingly. I work hard to keep clients informed and involved in the decision-making process, enabling them to make informed choices about how to execute the recommended strategies. I am dedicated to being efficient and effective with client resources and take pride in representing clients for over 30 years.

- Best Lawyers in America® Railroad Law (2014 – 2026)
- Oregon Super Lawyers® Civil Litigation: Defense (2015 – 2025)
- Highest rating ("A.V.") by Martindale-Hubbell

## REPRESENTATIVE WORK

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- Tim and his team tried multiple cases involving federal liability claims and damages and the team has been very successful in challenging cases and venues.
- Defended a complex injury case involving electrical shock in which plaintiff sought millions. A reasonable settlement was reached at mediation.
- Obtained jury verdict for employer on claims of sexual harassment, gender discrimination, and retaliation seeking \$4.5 million in damages.
- Defended a claim for damages resulting from faulty software and won summary judgment against the software maker for full indemnity based on product liability and other theories.
- Successfully tried an employment case to verdict involving claims of retaliatory discharge for filing an injury report.
- Served as lead counsel on several different corporate disputes involving oppressive behavior by the majority shareholders.
- Represented several doctors in disputes with employers and hospitals.
- Mediated and arbitrated cases with favorable results for the clients in many cases.
- Defended a federal case involving claims of permanent disability, complex causation, and damages. After a two-week trial, the jury rendered a defense verdict.
- Filed suit against a third-party involving claims in excess of \$5 million. Convinced the third party and its insurer to accept full tender.
- Handled many claims involving complex contract and Common Law Indemnity issues.
- Obtained a favorable settlement in a federal whistleblower law claim filed before OSHA.
- Represented a trucking company in resolving a trade secret dispute with a former employee.

- Tried a wrongful discharge case for several days until plaintiff accepted an offer to settle the case at the same amount plaintiff was offered before trial.
- Negotiated and obtained favorable settlements in multiple cases involving claims of state law retaliation, ADA violations, age discrimination, disability discrimination, race discrimination, FELA, LIA, SAA, FMLA, and other related claims.

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

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Tim has been a frequent speaker on many topics. Some of his recent presentations include:

- "Minimizing Risk and Strategies for Success and Managing Insanity (aka trial) in Employment Litigation"

Oregon State Bar Corporate Counsel Section (November 2018)

- "Best Practices for Dealing with Employment Claims"  
Oregon Employer Council (May 2018)

## **ORGANIZATIONS**

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### **Professional Organizations**

Tim is a member of the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel (NARTC). He has served as a Regional Vice President and is currently active on the executive and program committees. He is frequently asked to speak regarding trial skills, litigation strategy, causation and complex medical issues, as well as other defense strategies.

Tim serves as a member of the following organizations:

- ASLRRRA (American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association)
- Federal Bar Association
- Multnomah Bar Association
- NARTC (National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel)
- OADC (Oregon Association of Defense Counsel)
- PRIMA (Public Risk Management Association)
- United States District Court Historical Society

## **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

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Outside the firm, I have served on several charity boards and coached a variety of youth sports teams. I coached high school



Mock Trial for over 10 years. In 2011, I helped coach a high school Mock Trial team to a State Championship and a 12th place finish at Nationals.

I enjoy spending time with family and friends and I like being outdoors, golfing, hiking, and skiing.