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# Tim Gray

## Partner

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Tim was first inspired to become an attorney while watching Atticus Finch in *To Kill A Mockingbird*. When Atticus commanded a courtroom against all odds in a seemingly impossible case, it ignited Tim's desire to be challenged by interesting things and to do work that is socially valuable. Every day Tim gets to do just that, as he shows up to work to face fresh challenges that allow him to provide his clients with his best efforts. A considerate friend and genuine professional, Tim has a strong ability to take complex information and break it down into comprehensible parts, allowing no ambiguity between he, his clients, and the professionals on the other side of the case. A skill indispensable in litigation. While he enjoys his work, Tim is also actively involved in his community. He currently serves on the board of a local charter school where he enjoys participating in the challenging process of remaking the New Orleans school system, one school at a time. Incorporating this philosophy into his work every day, Tim pushes himself and others around him to always strive to be better, creating an atmosphere of excellence which brings his clients not only great results, but peace of mind.

Tim enjoys a practice that presents new and varied challenges and opportunities. He has served as national trial counsel to several defendants in toxic tort litigation and has tried cases in several states in that capacity. He also represents parties in commercial disputes in Louisiana and Mississippi ranging from straightforward breach of contract actions to more complex matters involving multiple parties. Tim's commercial practice has included representation of a real estate investment trust in acquisitions, dispositions and financings, as well as representation of local Louisiana individuals and companies seeking advice on corporate and transactional matters.

## Education

- Mississippi College School of Law, J.D., with special distinction
- Millsaps College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

# Bar Admissions

- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- Pennsylvania
- Texas
- U.S. District Courts for Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana

# Important Litigation Involvement

- Defense verdict in jury trial in New Orleans in which plaintiff alleged that chemical exposures at defendant's work site caused his non hodgkin's lymphoma
- Defense verdict in wrongful death jury trial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in which plaintiff alleged that the plaintiff's chemical exposures caused aplastic anemia
- Defense verdict in wrongful death trial in Santa Fe New Mexico in which plaintiff alleged that defendant's product was the cause of the decedent's mesothelioma
- Defense verdict in jury trial in the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina in which plaintiff alleged that his chemical exposures caused his leukemia
- Representation of equipment manufacturers against claims that equipment installed on customer sites did not function properly
- Representation of New Orleans based company with nation-wide sales on commercial transactions
- Representation of an international marketing/consulting firm in breach of contract actions against such firm
- Representation of creditors in Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings
- Representation of corporation in dispute among shareholders in closely held corporation
- Representation of defendant in class action in which several thousand plaintiffs alleged personal injury and property damage due to an accidental release into the Pearl River
- Representation of a major refinery in a case involving over 100 claims alleging neurological injuries from exposure to various chemicals
- Obtained Daubert rulings excluding plaintiff's experts in federal courts in Boston, Massachusetts, Charlotte, North Carolina, and New Orleans, Louisiana
- Currently serving as national trial counsel for a defendant in benzene litigation
- Pro bono representation of immigrants seeking asylum

# Professional Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2015-2027): Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Environmental, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Peer Rated
- Selected to Louisiana Super Lawyers (2020-2026)
- FormanWatkins Pro Bono Star (2021,2025)
- Selected as a Top Lawyer for Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions by New Orleans Magazine (2019, 2021, 2022)
- Selected to Leadership in Law class by New Orleans CityBusiness (2020, 2023, 2024)

- Selected to BizNewOrleans the “New Orleans 500” List, recognizing influential, involved and inspiring business leaders, one of only 35 lawyers chosen (2021)

## Organization/Committee Memberships

- DRI: The Voice of the Defense Bar
- American Bar Association

## Speaking Engagements

- HarrisMartin's Benzene Litigation Conference: Recent Developments in the Law and Science Co-Chair
- "The Chemistry and Analysis of Chinese Drywall What's this Stuff Made of Anyway?" HarrisMartin's Chinese Drywall Litigation Conference

- "Strategies for Expert Testimony", Network of Trial Law Firms Litigation Management Seminar
- "Benefiting from Evolving Causation Standards," American Conference Institute Seminar
- "Presentation of Defendants' Industrial Hygiene Expert," Harris Martin Seminar

## Pro Bono & Community Service

- Goodwill Industries, Past Member-Board of Directors, Past Chairman-Board of Directors
- Tim has served on the board of directors of multiple New Orleans charter schools, including as board chair.
- Tim has successfully represented, on a pro bono basis, individuals seeking asylum in the United States.

## Law School Honors & Awards

- Law Review, Production Editor
- Moot Court Board

## Other Office Locations

- Houston, Texas

## Practice Areas

- Benzene
- Chemical & Mold Exposure
- Environmental Litigation
- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation