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Overview

Timothy's practice focuses on all aspects of intellectual property litigation and counseling. He has extensive experience preparing for and conducting trials in district courts nationwide, both asserting and defending against allegations of patent infringement for over 20 years and is also experienced in copyright and trademark litigation, Federal Circuit appeals, inter partes reviews of patents under the America Invents Act and alternative dispute resolution.

He counsels corporate and individual clients on all aspects of IP law, including IP strategy, freedom-to-operate analysis, IP licensing, protection of innovations, and the intricacies of Hatch-Waxman pharmaceutical disputes.

In addition, Tim has represented clients in a wide variety of industries including computer software and hardware, computer vision, pharmaceuticals and specialty chemicals, consumer products, mechanical devices, semiconductors and semiconductor manufacture, confectionery flavoring agents, internet analytics and graphics processing.

Tim is admitted to the New York and USPTO Patent Bars. He currently serves as a member of the Patents Committee of the New York City Bar Association and its amicus briefs subcommittee, and previously served as the Committee's Vice Chair. He has prepared and filed numerous amicus briefs on patent law topics in both the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit on behalf of the New York City Bar Association through its Patents Committee.

Tim's technical background includes a degree in physics, and he has served as a research assistant at Cornell University's Wilson Synchrotron Laboratory, a high-energy particle physics facility. Tim also has an ongoing interest in serving the underprivileged, which he has pursued through pro bono representation of immigrant children facing removal proceedings.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Boston University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, Intellectual Property
- Cornell University, B.A.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- New York
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Memberships

- New York City Bar Association, Member of Patents Committee and its Amicus Briefs Subcommittee and Past Vice Chair
- American Bar Association (ABA), Intellectual Property Law Section
- Alumni Class Officer, Cornell University
- Member, Steering Committee of the Junior Council, American Museum of Natural History

News & Insights

- Law.com Mentions Benesch Partner Kal Shah in Coverage of $17M Patent Verdict
  October 28, 2025 | Media Mentions
- Law360 Mentions Benesch Attorneys in $17M Patent Verdict
  October 21, 2025 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Mentioned in Law 360 | "Campbell's Soup Store Racks Infringe Patents, Judge Says"
  January 23, 2025 | Media Mentions
- Timothy P. Heaton and David Zev Rosenberg mentioned in Crain's New York People on the Move
  December 12, 2023 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Adds Of Counsel to IP Team in New York
  October 24, 2023 | Press Releases