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Tim solves complex environmental compliance and permitting issues for manufacturers, energy companies, insurers, and other regulated entities throughout the United States.

OVERVIEW

Tim has extensive experience with both California and federal environmental permitting programs and has successfully represented clients in state and federal courts and before state administrative agencies, including the California State and Regional Water Boards, Cal/OSHA, and the California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names. For three decades he has been a trusted advisor to manufacturers, energy companies, insurance companies, and other regulated entities regarding complicated environmental, health, and safety issues including RCRA compliance and enforcement defense, permitting under the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act, Process Safety Management investigations, California's Prop 65 compliance and defense, environmental insurance matters, CERCLA cost recovery and contribution, OSHA enforcement, and corporate due diligence. Recently he has helped clients develop strategies to comply with new and emerging greenhouse gas and climate-related reporting requirements. Tim also provides guidance to clients on applicability of and compliance with California's climate disclosure laws, including the Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act (SB 253) and the Climate-Related Financial Risk Act (SB 261).

In his government service, Tim excelled as special litigation counsel and deputy general counsel at the Presidio Trust, collaborating with U.S. DOJ to resolve environmental litigation and advising on a spectrum of environmental, health, safety, and natural resource issues.

With vast public and private sector experience, clients rely on Tim's practical knowledge of environmental laws, regulations, and policies to address environmental challenges and achieve favorable outcomes.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented a global provider of crop inputs and services in defense of a national enforcement initiative targeting mineral processing companies.
- Represented a global vehicle manufacturer regarding domestic environmental compliance issues, including lithium battery/e-waste issues, and management of used emission control devices and air bags.
- Evaluated environmental issues during site selection of a new manufacturing facility for a global vehicle manufacturer.

- Provided regulatory support to an alternative energy provider in a lawsuit related to development of an offshore wind project.
- Advised an energy company on compliance with California GHG emission reporting requirements.
- Represented insurance companies underwriting Reps and Warranties Insurance policies.
- Evaluated and quantified risk of potential legacy liability at former sites of a global mining company.
- Provided environmental due diligence for carriers providing reps and warranties insurance.
- Represented various manufacturing clients in defense of Clean Water Act and Prop 65 citizen suits.
- Served as local counsel in judicial challenge to rulemaking under the Clean Air Act.
- Represented an association of energy companies in Clean Water Act rulemaking.
- Assisted an alternative energy company with due diligence/permitting of a large solar energy facility.
- Assisted an integrated energy company negotiate resolution of several qui tam lawsuits with the California Attorney General's Office.
- Represented a cleaning products manufacturer in a green marketing lawsuit.
- Negotiated the closure of a Water Board site on behalf of a former integrated circuits laboratory.
- Guides clients on ESG matters, including the applicability of and compliance with California's climate disclosure laws (SB 253 and SB 261).

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Air Quality + Climate Change
- Contaminated Sites + Waste Management
- Environmental + Natural Resources
- Environmental, Social + Governance (ESG)
- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Water Quality + Water Resources

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Deputy general counsel, Presidio Trust, 2015-2017
- Special litigation counsel, Presidio Trust, 2010-2011

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of San Francisco School of Law, J.D., 1993
- University of California, Los Angeles, B.A., 1988, international economics

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California
- District of Columbia (Inactive)

CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. David A. Garcia, San Francisco Superior Court

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "[CARB Kicks Off Holiday Season with Release of Proposed Initial Rule Implementing California Climate Disclosure Laws](#)," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, December 17, 2025.
- Co-author, "[CARB Releases List of Entities Potentially Subject to Climate Disclosure Requirements](#)," *Environmental Law and Policy Monitor*, September 26, 2025.
- Co-author, "[New Executive Order Challenges State Climate Laws](#)," *Environmental Law and Policy Monitor*, April 11, 2025.
- Co-author, "[California Sets Stage to Improve Hazardous Waste Management](#)," *Environmental Law and Policy Monitor*, March 20, 2025.
- Co-author, "[Court Order Hobbles Challenge to California's Climate Disclosure Laws](#)," *Environmental Law and Policy Monitor*, February 7, 2025.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Quoted, "[California Delays Rulemaking Timeline for Climate Disclosure Laws to 2026](#)," *Utility Dive*, October 16, 2025.
- Quoted, "[Utilities on 'Preliminary' List of Entities Subject to California Climate Disclosure Rules](#)," *Utility Dive*, September 29, 2025.