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Tim Patterson serves as Vice Chair of Foley's Sales & Distribution group, and he regularly represents Foley's clients in complex commercial litigation matters in both state and federal courts throughout the country. Most recently, Tim has defended several prominent manufacturers and technology service providers in actions involving a wide range of contract, tort, and statutory claims, including claims related to the alleged misappropriation of trade secrets, breach of non-competes, and violations of state distribution laws and state and federal antitrust laws.

Tim also regularly counsels these same clients on properly and proactively managing their commercial relationships to avoid expensive and protracted litigation whenever possible. In addition to his work at Foley, Tim spent time in 2020 serving as in-house counsel for a global medical device manufacturer's equipment and services business units. Tim brings the practical legal approach he developed while in house to all his litigation and counseling matters at Foley.

Tim is also recognized as a BTI Client Service All-Star, an honor based exclusively on feedback from corporate counsel identifying attorneys who deliver exceptional client service. As one client noted in BTI's research, "Tim is an expert in his field. He works collaboratively with us, and has earned my trust in his opinions and guidance."

Awards and Recognition

- *BTI Consulting Group*, BTI Client Service All-Stars (2026)
- *Wisconsin Super Lawyers*® Rising Star – Business Litigation (2023)

Presentations and Publications

- Author, "Making the Case: Remote Litigation Can Benefit Your Franchise in the Long-Term," *Global Franchise Magazine* (August 2021)
- Speaker, "All Over the Map—Navigating Challenges Posed By State Law," Foley & Lardner LLP Law of Product Distribution Franchise Seminars (2021)

- Speaker, “State(s) of Confusion: Defining the Relationship Under State Distribution Laws,” Foley & Lardner LLP Law of Product Distribution Franchise Seminars (2019)
- Speaker, “Termination: Building Your Best Case,” Foley & Lardner LLP Law of Product Distribution Franchise Seminars (2018)
- Speaker, “Reaping What You Sow: Protecting Your Future Yields with Non-Competes and Trade Secret Law,” Foley & Lardner LLP Law of Product Distribution Franchise Seminars (2017)

Sectors

- Consumer Products
- Environmental & Product Stewardship
- Equipment & Industrial Product Manufacturing
- Manufacturing
- Sales & Distribution for Manufacturers
- Smart Manufacturing
- Supply Chain

Practice Areas

- Antitrust & Competition
- Commercial Litigation
- Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG)
- Litigation

Education

- Marquette University Law School (J.D., magna cum laude)
  - Comment editor, *Marquette Law Review*
  - Recipient of seven CALI Awards
- University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (B.A., magna cum laude)
  - Dean’s List

Admissions

- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Western districts of Wisconsin
- 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals