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OVERVIEW

Tim Hobbs is a litigator and strategic legal advisor. Judges have praised him for “sterling quality” oral arguments and “excellent” legal writing. Clients trust him with their most complex issues.

Tim has litigated and won a wide range of cases before federal and state courts and other tribunals across the country. He is a member of the firm's top-ranked environmental litigation practice, and frequently litigates cases involving fisheries, natural resources, and other environmental issues. A leading trade publication called a recent case he won a “stunning victory for the commercial fishing industry.” Tim has also litigated matters before the Department of Commerce, Department of Transportation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and various state agencies. He has successfully litigated antitrust and other complex business disputes and regularly advises clients on application of antitrust and competition laws. He serves as antitrust counsel to several trade associations.

In addition to litigation, Tim frequently helps clients develop novel regulatory and legislative initiatives to solve complex problems with creative solutions.

Before entering the legal profession, Tim worked for several years in the field of fisheries conservation. He was appointed as a technical advisor to the U.S. delegation to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), appointed to federal advisory panels on fisheries, and testified before the U.S. House Subcommittee on Fisheries.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Washington School of Law, 2006 *with honors*, *Articles Editor*, *Washington Law Review*
- B.A., Whitman College, 1999

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia
- Bar of Virginia (Inactive)

- Bar of Washington
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- United States District Court for the Western District of Washington

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 14 June 2021, Shipping Emissions Remain a Focus of Reintroduced House Bill (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 3 June 2021, D.C. Circuit Affirms That Offshore Wind Lease Does Not Trigger NEPA Review (*Alerts/Updates*)
- April 2021, Blue Economy - Part 1: Offshore Wind Energy Development in the West (*Webinar*)
- October 2020, Blue Economy Handbook (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 28 August 2020, NOAA Identifies the First Two Aquaculture Opportunity Areas to Facilitate Expansion of Aquaculture in Federal Waters (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 2 July 2020, COVID-19: Renewed and Unique Opportunity for Fishing Industry in Paycheck Protection Program (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 15 May 2020, COVID-19: Trump Administration Takes Actions to Assist U.S. Fishing Industry (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 15 May 2020, COVID-19: Trump Administration Takes Actions to Assist U.S. Aquaculture (*Alerts/Updates*)

NEWS & EVENTS

- August 2020, K&L Gates Lawyers Provide Insights on Impact of COVID-19 Across Various Industries (*Media Mention*)
- 17 February 2016, K&L Gates Names 50 New Partners (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Environment, Land, and Natural Resources
- Antitrust, Competition, and Trade Regulation
- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes

- Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Maritime
- Oil and Gas
- Power
- Public Policy and Law

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Fisheries, Natural Resources and Environmental Litigation

- Intervened in litigation on behalf of U.S. king crab harvesters and defeated challenge to a regulatory program expected to save the harvesters \$50 million per year in lost revenues due to unfair competition from illegally harvested crab. *Alfa Int'l Seafood, Inc. v. Ross*, 264 F. Supp. 3d 23 (D.D.C. 2017).
- Overturned a reallocation of fishing quota by the Commerce Department that harmed the commercial fishing sector in the Gulf of Mexico. *Guindon v. Ross*, 240 F. Supp. 3d 181 (D.D.C. 2017).
- Represented groundfish harvesters and processors who intervened in a legal challenge to Pacific whiting catch allocations and succeeded in upholding the initial allocation formula. *Pacific Dawn, LLC v. Pritzker*, 831 F.3d 1166 (9th Cir. 2016).
- Represented a coalition of fishing industry and environmental interests who intervened in a challenge to individual fishing quota (IFQ) and cooperative programs for the Pacific groundfish trawl fleet and succeeded in upholding the program. *Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations v. Locke*, 693 F.3d 1094 (9th Cir. 2012).
- Represented fishing industry and environmental interests who intervened in a challenge to an IFQ program for grouper and tilefish in the Gulf of Mexico and succeeded in upholding the program. *Coastal Conservation Association v. Blank*, 2011 WL 4530544 (M.D. Fla. Sept. 29, 2011).
- Successfully defended client against \$4.4 million civil penalty action brought by the U.S. Department of Commerce for allegedly exceeding crab processing restrictions. *In the Matter of Peter Pan Seafoods and Seven Seas Fishing Company, Department of Commerce*, Docket No. AK0401011.

Representative Antitrust/Competition Litigation and Related Work

- Successfully represented Asia-based company in securing pre-merger clearance from the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice for \$100 million acquisition of U.S.-based company in 2016.
- Represented U.S.-based air carrier in successful challenge to operations by non-U.S. helicopter services company, showing that that company was operating unlawfully in the United States. *In the Matter of VIH Cougar Helicopters, Inc., Department of Transportation*, Docket No. OST-2013-0004.

- Obtained dismissal with prejudice of antitrust claims asserted against a global product manufacturer and distributor. U.S. *Ring Binder, L.P. v. World Wide Stationery Manufacturing Co., Ltd.*, 804 F. Supp. 2d 588 (N.D. Ohio 2011)
- Secured dismissal with prejudice of antitrust claims against a ski resort involving its provision of housing units and resort services. *Smugglers' Notch Homeowners' Ass'n, Inc. v. Smugglers' Notch Management Co., Ltd.*, 414 Fed. Appx. 372 (2d Cir. 2011).