

# Timothy A. Rybacki

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# **Focus Areas**

Unfair Competition and Trade Secrets Labor Management Relations Appellate Policies, Procedures and Handbooks Discrimination and Harassment

### **Overview**

Timothy A. Rybacki represents employers in all areas of labor and employment law, with an emphasis on litigation involving:

- Unfair competition
- Theft of trade secrets
- Duties of loyalty and confidentiality
- Non-competition and non-solicitation agreements
- Traditional labor law matters
- Discrimination, harassment and retaliation

He practices in federal and state courts and before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He also appears before the National Labor Relations Board and handles labor management relations.

Since joining Littler Mendelson, Timothy has served as a frequent author, editor and presenter on labor and employment matters.

In law school, he was the executive editor of the Emory International Law Review.



# Recognition

- Recipient, Award for Excellence in the Study of Labor and Employment Law, American Bar Association and Bloomberg BNA
- Recipient, W. Richard Smith Award for Excellence in Legal Writing and Research and Writing
- Recipient, Dean's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Wage and Hour Law

### **Education**

J.D., Emory University School of Law, 2006 B.B.A., University of Texas McCombs School of Business, 2001

# **Bar Admissions**

Tennessee Texas

# Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit

### **Publications & Press**

How to Meet the Challenge of Protecting Business Secrets in a Modern Era Nashville Business Journal October 13, 2017

Littler Adds Two More Attorneys to Growing Nashville Office Littler Press Release June 26, 2015

Littler Elevates 16 Attorneys to Shareholder Littler Press Release January 2, 2014

French Data Protection Authority Fires Warning Shot to U.S. Multinationals: U.S.-Based Employer Fined for Improper Transfers of Employee Data to the U.S. Littler Insight May 21, 2007



Fifth Circuit Holds that Merger Agreement Amends Retiree Medical Program and Prevents Subsequent Amendment to Benefits Coverage Littler Insight November 6, 2006

# **Speaking Engagements**

**2023 Houston Regional Employer Conference** Houston, TX October 18, 2023

**2022 Houston Regional Employer Conference** Houston, TX October 6, 2022

**2020 Year in Review and What to Expect in 2021 in Tennessee** February 18, 2021

### Non-Competes and Trade Secret Protection: Strategies and Recent Developments

2017 Littler Houston Employer Conference August 10, 2017

**Forecasting 2016: Essential Insight on a New Year of Labor & Employment Law Developments** Nashville, TN February 18, 2016

Addressing Human Resources Issues in Home Care 2015 Financial Management Conference - National Association for Home Care & Hospice, Nashville, TN June 28, 2015

Noncompetes & Trade Secret Protection: An In-House Counsel's Guide to a Big Year of Change Houston, TX April 8, 2015

**The 2014 Houston Employer Conference** Houston, TX August 14, 2014

**The 2011 Houston Employer Conference** Houston, TX

August 11, 2011



#### Hot Topics in Employee Law and Unfair Competition

61st Annual Oil and Gas Law Conference - Institute for Energy Law-Center for American and International Law 2010

Navigating Non-Compete Agreements, Non-Solicitation Agreements, and Trade Secrets-Enforcement Side Employment Law Institute - Houston Bar Association 2009

Protecting Trade Secrets and Proprietary Information when Employees Leave 22nd Annual Technology Law Conference - The University of Texas School of Law 2009

### **Effective Strategies to Prevent Unfair Competition**

Annual Conference - Texas Banker's Association 2008

### Noncompetition Agreements: Latest Developments and Special Considerations for Technology Companies

20th Annual Technology Law Conference - The University of Texas School of Law 2007

#### Covenants Not to Compete and Other Effective Strategies to Prevent Unfair Competition

Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute - Houston Intellectual Property Law Association/University of Houston Law Foundation 2007