

## **Timothy J. Rigby**

Timothy J. Rigby has been an estate planning attorney for over 27 years. Following the birth in 2004 of his daughter, Anna, who has Down syndrome, Tim began specializing in the area of special needs trust planning and guardianships for individuals with disabilities. As the father of a child with special needs, Tim is uniquely positioned to understand the day-to-day challenges families face, and also the need to plan properly for the future of a child with an intellectual and developmental disability.

Tim attended Eastern Illinois University (B.S., 1991) and Southern Illinois University (J.D., 1994). Tim joined Hart, Southworth & Witsman in November 1994 and has been a partner in the firm since January 2002. He is a member of the Sangamon County Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, National Association of Bond Lawyers, Government Bar Association and Sangamon Valley Estate Planning Council.

Tim is also a member, by invitation, of the Special Needs Alliance, a national association of special needs planning attorneys. Tim is a member of, and is a past chair of, the board of directors of Sparc, a not-for-profit organization located in Springfield, Illinois which provides residential support, developmental training, supported living, respite care, supported employment and a summer camp for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Tim has also served on the board of directors and as the president of the Lincoln Land Down Syndrome Society, a support network for families residing in and around Sangamon County, Illinois to promote awareness, acceptance, inclusion and education of people with Down syndrome.