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Since 2005 Tim has been the Attorney-in-Charge of the Legal Aid Society Criminal Defense Practice in Queens County New York. The Legal Aid Society Criminal Defense Practice is the largest and oldest public defender organization in the country, as well as the primary provider of indigent criminal defense services in New York City.

Before being appointed to his current position, Tim was the Deputy Attorney-in-Charge of the Capital Division of the Legal Aid Society.

Before that he was a Staff Attorney in the Capital Division. The Capital Division represented individuals charged with first degree murder and facing the death penalty. The death penalty law was re-enacted in New York State in 1995. The law has since been found unconstitutional. In 1998 Tim was part of a team of attorneys who defended Darryl Harris at trial in the case of People of the State of New York v. Darryl Harris, the first death penalty trial in New York State once the death penalty was re-enacted.

Tim began his legal career at the Legal Aid Society as a staff attorney in 1987. He became a Supervising Attorney in 2004. Tim is a recipient of the New York State Bar Association, Denison Ray Criminal Defender Staff Award for Indigent Representation. He is an inductee into the Hall of Distinguished Alumni at his high school alma mater, New Brunswick High School in New Brunswick, New Jersey and a St. John's University, Legal Studies Leadership Award winner. He received a BA in English with honors from Howard University and a JD from American University, Washington College of Law.