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Tim originally joined Baird in 1999 serving in a variety of planning-oriented roles, most recently as the Director of Advanced Planning. He left Baird in 2019 to join the Advisor Education team at PIMCO, before returning to Baird in 2021. Prior to 1999, Tim worked in Arthur Andersen's Private Client Services group in Milwaukee where he specialized in tax and financial planning. His clients included corporate executives, business owners and families.

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