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Thomas Foley is the executive director of National Disability Institute (NDI), a nonprofit committed to the financial empowerment and economic inclusion of people with disabilities and their families. Since 2015, NDI has operated the ABLE National Resource Center. This is the leading source of objective, independent information and best practices related to tax-advantaged ABLE savings accounts and federal and state-related ABLE programs and activities.

Trained as a tax lawyer and financial planner, Tom has more than 30 years of experience serving the disability community by working toward greater economic inclusion. He is blind and an ABLE account owner. In this capacity, he has been an advocate and dedicated his career to partnering with other thought leaders to address the complex drivers of economic inequality. With these partners, he has also created pathways to employment and financial security for the most vulnerable communities.

Tom has been instrumental in developing and influencing federal and state legislation to encourage employment and increase participation of people with disabilities in employment and wealth-building programs. He is the author of EQUITY, the first asset building book for people with disabilities.

Tom has worked closely with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Department of Treasury, Federal Reserve Board, and multiple financial and community development institutions. With these organizations, he has designed programs and provided technical assistance to better reach the disability community.

He received his master's degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and earned a Juris Doctorate from Hastings College of the Law.