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Counsel

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Education

- Albany Law School, JD
- Siena College, *Magna Cum Laude*, BA

Practices & Industries

- Professional Liability
- Torts & Products Liability Defense

Admitted to Practice

- New York

Court Admissions

- US District Court for the Western District of New York

Biography

An experienced civil litigator, Tara primarily concentrates her practice on representing clients in professional-liability defense matters. She represents numerous professional-services clients, including attorneys, accountants, medical professionals, and real estate agents in actions alleging professional malpractice, negligence, and fraud. Tara has achieved beneficial resolutions for her clients by negotiating favorable settlements and obtaining outright dismissals by way of motion practice.

Tara has extensive experience defending a variety of personal-injury matters, passionately advocating for her clients in the courtroom and counseling them on alternative dispute resolution. She also applies her litigation skills to labor and employment, defending employers before the Workers' Compensation Board and working closely with them and their workers' compensation carriers to ascertain the best and most expeditious resolutions.

Bar Associations

- Monroe County Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

Selected Memberships & Affiliations

- Barclay Damon’s Women’s Forum

Representative Experience

- Defended a client at trial in a premises-liability case that resulted in a defense verdict.
- Represented an assisted-living facility in a lawsuit alleging negligence, breach of contract, and Public Health Law

violations. Achieved a dismissal of the complaint by way of motion for summary judgment.

- Successfully achieved summary judgment on various legal malpractice matters.
- Defended complex legal malpractice on appeal, achieving a reversal of the lower court's order that denied summary judgment.
- Defended a client involved in a legal malpractice action at an arbitration, resulting in a nominal award to the plaintiffs.
- Obtained a favorable settlement in a legal malpractice action against a law firm and individual attorney alleging malpractice related to representation in an underlying commercial transaction.
- Successfully defended a dentist in a lawsuit by numerous minors alleging fraud and malpractice.
- Successfully obtained a dismissal of a counterclaim for legal malpractice on appeal where the counterclaim plaintiff alleged malpractice related to the representation during and the ultimate settlement of a matrimonial action.
- Successfully obtained summary judgment where the plaintiff alleged negligence against an assisted living facility client.
- Obtained a favorable settlement in a malpractice action against a nursing home.
- Successfully obtained a summary judgment dismissal of a legal malpractice case arising from representation in a commercial transaction.
- Secured a favorable settlement of medical malpractice claims arising out of the death of the plaintiff's decedent with nominal contribution from the client.
- Successfully obtained a stipulation of discontinuance with respect to a third-party action filed against a title abstract company client.

Prior Experience

- Hamberger & Weiss, Associate

Selected Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, 2023–2027

Selected Alerts & Blog Posts

- The First Department Addresses When a Party Is Entitled to Treble Damages Pursuant to Judiciary Law §487
- Second Department Determines Exclusion of Test Results Not Harmless in Medical Malpractice Action

- The Second Department Addresses Whether Cause of Action Sounded in Malpractice or Negligence
- Fourth Department Distinguishes Medical Malpractice From Ordinary Negligence in Nursing Home Case
- Complaint Alleging Nurse's Error Sounds in Medical Malpractice Only, Not Ordinary Negligence