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Tara represents clients in complex disputes across the U.S., focusing on privacy and cybersecurity issues and financial services litigation. She navigates the evolving landscape of class actions and enforcement actions related to data collection, use, sharing, and protection.

OVERVIEW

Tara's extensive experience includes handling business and consumer finance litigation, addressing claims of consumer protection law violations, contract breaches, fraud, negligence, and misrepresentation. She also advises clients on insurance disputes, merger and acquisition issues, and regulatory matters.

Tara offers clients a strategic approach and an ability to anticipate and mitigate risks. Her courtroom experience, including oral arguments and litigation outcomes in favor of clients, underscores her capability to defend clients effectively. Tara has a thorough understanding of privacy and cybersecurity regulations and utilizes a proactive stance in safeguarding clients' interests.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- *CitiMortgage, Inc. v. Richard Tanasi*, 176 Conn. App. 829 (2017). Affirmed denial of a motion to dismiss that attempted to impose additional pleading requirements on a plaintiff in foreclosures.
- *In re Chickosky*, 498 B.R. 4 (Bkrtcy, D.Conn. 2013). Obtained a denial of confirmation of the Chapter 12 plan after demonstrating the debtor's plan was not feasible, and the debtor could not use the confirmation process to eliminate cross-collateralization rights of the lender.
- *Parola v. Citibank (South Dakota), N.A.*, 894 F. Supp. 2d 188 (D. Conn. 2012). Dismissal of all claims asserted against a private lender regarding student loan repayment options available under the Higher Education Act.

AWARDS

- *Super Lawyers® Connecticut Rising Star*, General Litigation (2013-2021)
- *Connecticut Law Tribune*, New Leader in the Law (2014)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Class Action
- Data + Privacy
- Financial Services Litigation
- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Privacy + Cyber

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Artificial Intelligence
- Class Action
- Consumer Financial Services
- Data + Privacy
- Financial Services
- Financial Services Litigation
- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Litigation + Trial
- Media, Technology + Cyber Liability Insurance
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Privacy + Cyber

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Connecticut Bar Association
- Member, New York State Bar Association
- Past president, UConn Law Alumni Association

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D.
- Vassar College, B.A.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Connecticut
- New York

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Dispute Resolution Clauses: Arbitration, Mediation and Litigation,” Reinsurance Association of America: The Art of Designing Reinsurance Contracts and Programs, July 25-27, 2023.
- Speaker, “The New CT Consumer Data Privacy Law: Important Considerations for Business Lawyers,” Connecticut Bar Association Legal Conference, June 5, 2023.
- Speaker, “Demystifying Reinsurance,” RAA Re Basics, May 9, 2023.
- Speaker, “Litigation, Investigations & Enforcement,” June 24, 2021.
- Speaker, “Resolving Disputes During & Post COVID-19,” ExecuSummit’s Webinar, July 16, 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

- Contributor, “2024 Privacy, AI & Cybersecurity Year in Review,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, February 12, 2025.
- Co-author, “Spoliation: When the Duty to Preserve Data Outweighs the Obligation to Delete,” *Locke Lord*, August 2024.
- Author, “CCPA Disclosure Requirements Emphasized by California AG’s Settlement With DoorDash,” *Locke Lord*, April 2024.
- Co-author, “Consent Has Never Been More Important: Take-Aways From the FTC Settlement Relating to Tracking Technologies,” *Locke Lord QuickStudy*, January 11, 2024.
- Author, “Beware Common Website Technology Tools That Can Lead to Wiretap Claims,” *Locke Lord*, December 2023.
- Co-author, “The CPRA: A Missed Deadline Gives Companies a Break,” *Locke Lord QuickStudy*, July 3, 2023.
- Author, “California Privacy Enforcement Will Heat up This Summer as the Agency Takes Control,” *Locke Lord*, June 2023.
- Author, “Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s Data Access Rulemaking Process: A Heads-Up to Covered Data Providers,” *The Banking Law Journal*, April 2023.
- Author, “‘Trust the Process?’ Privacy and Cybersecurity Issues with Court Service of Process Via NFT,” *Pratt’s Privacy & Cybersecurity Law Report*, April 2023.
- Co-author, “CFPB’s Data Access Rulemaking Process: A Heads-Up to Covered Data Providers,” *Locke Lord QuickStudy*, December 27, 2022.
- Author, “CCPA Enforcement: The Sephora Settlement Is Just the Start,” *Locke Lord*, December 2022.
- Author, “Are You Ready for the Biometric Tsunami? The New Wave of Biometric Statutes,” *Pratt’s Privacy & Cybersecurity Law Report*, October 2022.
- Author, “‘Trust the Process?’ – Privacy and Cybersecurity Issues With Court Service of Process via NFT,” *Locke Lord*, September 2022.
- Author, “Are You Ready for the BIPA Tsunami? The New Wave of Biometric Statutes,” *Locke Lord*, July 2022.
- Author, “The Supreme Court’s Ramirez Isn’t Standing in the Way of Standing in Recent Data Breach and Privacy Cases,” *Locke Lord*, January 2022.
- Author, “Business as Usual – so Far – for Data Breach Cases After TransUnion LLC v. Ramirez,” *Locke Lord*, Fall 2021.
- Author, “Facts Matter—TransUnion’s Impact on Privacy, Cybersecurity Litigation,” *Bloomberg Law Insights*, July 19, 2021.
- Author, “Firmer Footing for Data Breach Standing, Thanks to the Second Circuit,” *Locke Lord*, Summer 2021.
- Author, “New York Biometric Privacy Update: Scanning Your Face as You Walk the City?” *Locke Lord*,

Summer 2021.

- Co-author, “A Big Win for Walmart Helps Further Define the Scope of Data Breach Class Actions: Gardiner v. Walmart, Inc.,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, March 29, 2021.
- Author, “Taking Stock of Non-Monetary Settlement Provisions,” Locke Lord, Winter 2021.
- Author, “Conduct Remedies: The Undervalued Element of Cybersecurity and Privacy Class Actions,” *Cybersecurity Law Report*, February 24, 2021.
- Author, “Taking Stock Of Nonmonetary Privacy Settlement Provisions,” *Law360*, February 10, 2021.
- Co-author, “What’s in Store for Future CCPA Settlements After the Hanna Andersson Class Action,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, December 1, 2020.
- Author, “The Murky Waters of the CCPA’s Private Right of Action: Real and Perceived Ambiguities Complicating Litigation,” Locke Lord, November 2020.
- Co-author, “An Overview of Key Issues in Privacy and Cyber Litigation,” *Privacy & Cybersecurity Law Report*, October 9, 2020.
- Co-author, “The Murky Waters of the CCPA’s Private Right of Action: Real and Perceived Ambiguities Complicating Litigation,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, October 6, 2020.
- Co-author, “When Half a Billion Dollars is Not Enough: What the Facebook Settlement Can Teach Us,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, July 24, 2020.
- Co-author, “An Overview of Key Issues in Privacy and Cyber Litigation,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, June 2, 2020.
- Co-author, “HUD Face-to-Face Meeting Requirement: Fourth Circuit Holds That a Bank Office That Conducts No Mortgage-related Business Does Not Qualify as a ‘Branch Office’ of a ‘Mortgagee’,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, April 22, 2020.
- Author, “Zoom Class Actions Highlight Calif. Privacy Law Issues,” *Law360*, April 13, 2020.