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MEET TARA

> *"I'm incredibly committed, persistent, and excited about each new opportunity."*
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> — **Tara Burns**

Tara Burns is an attorney in Obermayer's Family Law Department. Tara conducts legal research and drafts memoranda on her findings, aids clients and attorneys with the discovery process, prepares pleadings, motions, discovery requests, and discovery responses, and represents clients in all areas of family law including divorce, child and spousal support, and custody.

Tara is motivated by the opportunity to constantly interact with the community, to come up with solutions, and advocate in ways that make people's lives less stressful. The highlights of her time working in the legal field involve working closely with clients to provide lasting solutions to problems that previously affected them on a daily basis.

In her spare time, Tara enjoys going to concerts, visiting the art museums around Philadelphia, reading, golfing, hiking, and spending time with family (and the family dogs).

EXPERIENCE

While in law school, Tara worked as an advocate for victims of domestic violence and represented clients applying for civil protective orders as an extern at a private pro bono practice. She also worked to preserve student's rights to free and appropriate public education as a member of the Duke Children's Law Clinic.

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NEWS & INSIGHTS

Obermayer Attorneys Recognized in the 2027 Best Lawyers Awards

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Travel Tips for Pennsylvania Parents Sharing Custody

August 17, 2026 by Tara K. Burns

Obermayer Attorneys Named to 2026 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers® and Rising Stars Lists

May 22, 2026 by Caitlin E. Foley, Matthew R. Rogers, Darwin R. Beauvais, Hayley N. Purcell Sinkler, Madison G. Melinek-Heft, Terry Mutchler, Stephanie Stecklair Tarantino, Melissa M. Blanco-Sandman, Kellie A. McGowan, Michael A. Thom, Marcelina R. Policicchio, Mathieu J. Shapiro, Stephanie H. Winegrad, Adam H. Tanker, Alina Chuklin, Tara K. Burns, Nina B. Stryker, Nicholas Poduslenko, Michael S. Pepperman, Nicole E. Norcross, Hillary J. Moonay, Thomas A. Leonard III, David L. Ladov, Edmond M. George, Samantha J. Evian, Julie R. Colton, Michael E. Bertin

How Legal Custody Affects Summer Camp Enrollment in PA

February 09, 2026 by Tara K. Burns

Custody Scheduling Issues: What Happens If a Parent Is Unavailable?

November 24, 2025 by Tara K. Burns

Obermayer Attorneys Earn National Recognition for Legal Excellence in 2026 Best Lawyers

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ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Tara was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch* list from 2024 to 2027. She was also selected as a *Pennsylvania Rising Star* in Family Law for 2024 – 2026.

In law school, Tara served as a guardian ad litem and worked with a program that taught Mock Trial/public speaking to middle schoolers, activities she hopes to continue in Philadelphia.

Awards Won*



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EDUCATION

- Duke University School of Law, JD
- The College of William & Mary, BA, History and Government, *magna cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

CAPABILITIES

Family Law

Adoption

Child & Spousal Support

Custody

Divorce

Domestic Abuse

Mediation

Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Construction Litigation

Environmental

Insurance

Industry Focus

Financial Services

Health Care

Individuals & Private Clients

International Businesses

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