



## MEET TARA

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

— 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.

## NEWS & INSIGHTS

### What Co-Parents Need to Know Before the School Year Starts

July 21, 2025 by Tara K. Burns

### Obermayer Attorneys Honored in 2025 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers® and Rising Stars Lists

May 22, 2025 by Melissa Siravo Hensinger, Hayley N. Purcell Sinkler, Madison G. Melinek, Stephanie Steckclair Tarantino, Melissa M. Blanco, 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, Paul C. Heintz, Edmond M. George, Samantha J. Evian, Julie R. Colton, Michael E. Bertin

### Child Custody and Vacation Planning: What Parents Need to Know

April 14, 2025 by Tara K. Burns

### Navigating Child Care Expenses in Pennsylvania Child Support Cases

December 30, 2024 by Tara K. Burns

### Obermayer Attorneys Recognized in Best Lawyers 2025

July 17, 2024 by Trisha R. Hudkins, Darwin R. Beauvais, Rebecca A. Berger, Stephanie Steckclair Tarantino, Shaun Staller, Amanda C. Frett, Nathan D. Fox, Kellie A. McGowan, Matthew S. Olesh, Michael A. Thom, Marcelina R. Policicchio, Mathieu J. Shapiro, Stephanie H. Winegrad, Shari B. Veisblatt, Adam H. Tanker, Alina Chuklin, Tara K. Burns, Michael D. Vagnoni, Nina B. Stryker, Leslie B. Spoltore, Michelle L. Ringel, Nicholas Poduslenko, Hillary J. Moonay, Thomas A. Leonard III, David L. Ladov, Andrew J. Horowitz, Paul C. Heintz, Samantha J. Evian, Julie R. Colton, Michael E. Bertin

### Parenting Coordinator: A Guide for Pennsylvania Parents

May 20, 2024 by Tara K. Burns

## ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Tara was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch list in 2024 and 2025. She was also selected for Pennsylvania's Rising Stars for Family Law in 2024 – 2025.

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

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## 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  
Local Governments & Municipal Authorities  
Nonprofit Organizations  
Real Estate & Construction  
Universities & Secondary Schools