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Tara has appeared at all levels of court in Alberta and in the Federal Court of Canada and her broad practice includes:

- Investment - defending advisors and the houses that support them in claims like breach of fiduciary duty, fraud and negligence (under professional errors & omissions policies).
- Insurance - representing clients in the areas of:
  - Commercial General Liability risk insurance.
  - Directors' and officers' liability, fiduciary liability and professional negligence.
  - National insurers and corporations in the capacity of claims and coverage counsel (related to a variety of commercial general liability issues).
  - Claims arising from employee theft and fraud, representing insurers involved in Financial Institutions Bond and Commercial Crime Policies.
- Directors & Officers Liability - acting as both defence counsel in relation to claims brought against directors and officers and as coverage and monitoring counsel.
- Litigation - including breach of contract litigation, construction litigation and arbitrations regarding homeowner vs. builder disputes; she has represented corporations and individuals from various industries in negligence and breach of contract litigation and homeowners and builders in arbitrations under the Alberta New Home Warranty Program.

**Education:**

- LL.B., University of Alberta
- MSc., University of Alberta
- BSc., University of Alberta

## **Professional Associations, Affiliations and Community Activities:**

- Canadian Bar Association
- Insurance Section
- Commercial Litigation Section
- Edmonton Bar Association

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Insurance & Risk Management:**

- Represents several leading national and international insurers in claims counsel and coverage counsel for directors' and officers' liability, fiduciary liability and fidelity claims.
- Represents several leading national insurers on matters of business risk, products liability, and CGL issues.

### **Commercial Litigation:**

- Represents plaintiffs, defendants and insurers of professional liability/errors and omissions actions involving financial brokers and agents, insurance brokers and agents and a variety of other professionals.
- Represents corporations and individuals across various industries in negligence and breach of contract litigation as well as product liability actions.
- Represents corporations and individuals in a variety of large loss litigation across various sectors.

### **Construction:**

- Represents corporations and insurers in construction claims relating to commercial development, building codes, and safety codes.
- Represents owners, developers, contractors, architects, engineers, trades and sub-trades in commercial construction disputes.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- "Ontario Court of Appeal Gives Guidance on Specifics to Satisfy "Notice of Circumstance" Clause in D&O Insurance Policy", Don McGarvey with Tara Argent, *McGarvey Professional and Financial Lines Newsletter*, 2013

- “U.S. Case Extends Fidelity Bond Reach”, Don McGarvey with Tara Argent, *The Lawyers Weekly*, 2013
- “How to Distinguish Equitable Contribution from Subrogation”, Don McGarvey with Tara Argent, *The Lawyers Weekly*, 2011
- “Interim Funding Agreements”, Don McGarvey with Tara Argent, *Claims Canada Magazine*, 2010

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- "Insurance & Risk Management Trends & Updates", McLennan Ross Seminar, 2018
- "Review of Significant Personal Injury Awards", Insurance Trends & Updates Seminar, McLennan Ross, 2016