



## TARA L. DUNN



As an entrepreneur who went to law school to become a corporate lawyer, Tara brings a unique perspective to her legal counsel, always evaluating issues from the mindset of a business owner. She is a practical problem solver who is informed, but not constrained, by her training as a corporate attorney.

Tara spent the majority of her time in private practice in national and international firms, including the Denver offices of Hogan Lovells (previously known as Hogan & Hartson) and Morrison & Foerster. She has represented companies of all sizes, from start-ups to Fortune 100 companies, in a full spectrum of corporate and transactional work, including mergers and acquisitions, private placements, capital markets transactions, credit financings, public company matters, director and officer liability issues, corporate governance, and public offerings. Most recently, Tara served as Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of an NYSE-listed IT services company, where she was the legal team lead on credit financing activities and public company reporting matters. She has written and lectured extensively on the fiduciary duties of corporate directors and officers, and was cited by the Delaware Supreme Court in its 2006 *In re the Walt Disney Derivative Litigation* opinion.

Tara spent the first 11 years of her career pursuing her passion for business, partnering to help open and run Denver's Great Divide Brewing Company. As senior vice president and a director, she led corporate finance, legal matters, and marketing. In 1995 Tara co-founded the state's first craft beer trade organization, the Colorado Brewers Guild, and served as its president in 1996 and director until she went to law school in 2002. She graduated from the University of Denver in 2005, Order of St. Ives and as Business Editor of the Law Review.

From 2012 to 2019, Tara served on the Board of Directors of the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation, where she was the 2017 to 2018 Board Chair. She also is a member of the Board of Directors of Rocky Mountain MicroFinance Institute, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. Tara has been recognized by Colorado SuperLawyers as a SuperLawyer (2020) and as a "Rising Star" (2009, 2013-2015). Her experience managing complex projects, transactions and teams helps her to quickly identify critical components to each matter and her continued pursuit of leadership development allows her quickly integrate into companies to find solutions that work for the business.

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