

Tara Wendell

Associate

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A dedicated advocate, Tara Wendell focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation and class actions. She has represented a wide array of clients, ranging from individuals to Fortune 500 companies in litigation within the insurance industry, the financial sector, and other industries. Tara has experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants in restrictive covenant and trade secret litigation, other employment disputes, breach of contract, and product liability cases.



Tara pairs her creativity with strong writing and investigative skills, honed during her career as an Emmy-nominated journalist, to serve her clients. She is known as a dedicated advocate with unparalleled attention to detail, which she applies to craft effective briefs, written discovery, and overall case strategy.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Tara gained over a decade of trial advocacy competition experience, including at Northwestern University and as part of Georgetown Law's nationally ranked mock-trial program. She remains involved in that community as a high school mock trial coach.

EXPERIENCE

Representative Engagements

- Drafted motion to dismiss that led to voluntary dismissal of wrongful termination suit.
- Drafted partial motion to dismiss that led defendant to abandon certain claims in product liability and breach of contract class action.
- Obtained a temporary restraining order enjoining the enforcement of non-competition agreements for a group of nearly 30 employees.
- Successfully opposed a motion to dismiss based on lack of personal jurisdiction, convincing the district court to exercise jurisdiction under the "closely-related parties" doctrine.

CREDENTIALS

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 2023

Dean's List

Georgetown Law Barrister's Council, Trial Advocacy Division

CALI Award, Evidence

ACLU Issue Director, *Student and Youth Rights*

Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism B.S., Journalism, 2017

Departmental Honors & "Thesis of Distinction" in Legal Studies

Dean's List



Mock Trial
Women's Club Lacrosse, President
Northwestern News Network Sports, Sports Director

Bar Admissions

Illinois
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Languages Spoken & Fluency

Spanish, Proficient

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Completed over 500 Pro Bono hours during law school
School Without Walls High School Mock Trial, Coordinator and Coach
Lacrosse, Official, Coach, and Program Director