

Tara N. Gillespie

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Area of Practice

Tara Gillespie has an active litigation practice which focuses on business and commercial litigation ranging from financial services, bankruptcy and business disputes to class actions and representation of long term care providers. Prior to joining Lane Powell, Tara was an associate with Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC., where her practice included defending class actions, managed care organizations, personal injury and bankruptcy and business disputes. Tara also has significant experience in the areas of health care transactional law, including mergers and acquisitions, certificates of need, licensure and certification.

Professional Experience

Associate, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz (Nashville, Tenn.) (2001-2006)
Hospital Corpsman (Medic), United States Navy (1990-1994)

Admitted to Practice

Washington
Tennessee
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington
U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Tennessee

Academics

Vanderbilt University Law School (J.D., Dean's List, 2001)
Southern Illinois University (B.A., with high honors, 1998)

Practice Group and Specialty Team Memberships

Bankruptcy and Creditors Rights
Class Action Defense
Litigation
Long Term Care and Seniors Housing Client Service Team

Publications

Sixth Circuit Editor, *The Business Suit*, Defense Research Institute, Winter 2007
Sixth Circuit Editor, *The Business Suit*, Defense Research Institute, Winter 2006
Sixth Circuit Editor, *The Business Suit*, Defense Research Institute, Spring 2006
Sixth Circuit Editor, *The Business Suit*, Defense Research Institute, Winter 2005
Sixth Circuit Editor, *The Business Suit*, Defense Research Institute, Spring 2005

Representative Matters and Clients

Daniel Sherwood, et al. v. Microsoft Corporation, et al. Member of legal defense team for the Microsoft Corporation in complex antitrust class action. Action settled favorably for Microsoft after five years of discovery and motions.

Prosecuted over 50 cases to partial completion prior to settlement in mass action against defendants for possession and use of equipment purchased to steal DirecTV satellite services in violation of 18 U.S.C § 2512. All actions resulted in favorable settlement for the client.

Tie Down, Inc. v. Oliver Technologies, Inc. Won transfer of venue in patent infringement suit based on the indispensability of the patent owners. Under similar circumstances, most jurisdictions have declined to transfer venue.

Served as co-counsel for nonprofit organization in highly contested probate dispute with the Washington Department of Revenue. Judgment in excess of \$1 million.

Served as counsel for Sonic Drive-In fast food franchises, through its insurer Gallagher Bassett Insurance Company, defending personal injury claims, including premises liability issues.

Served as defense counsel for the Proctor and Gamble Corporation defending products liability actions.

Professional and Community Activities

Washington State Bar Association

Appointed by Board of Governors to the Editorial Advisory Board Committee (Oct 2008-Sept 2009)

Recipient, WSBA Pro Bono Public Service Commendation (2008)

Loren Miller Bar Association

Member and former chairperson, American Bar Association's Public Education Committee

Defense Research Institute Commercial Litigation Committee

Member, Turnaround Management Association

Member of the board of directors and legal counsel for Building Families and Communities, Inc.

(BFC); assisted BFC with drafting and filing a public charter school application with the local board of education; represented BFC before the local school board

Pro bono counsel for the Washington Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program for children in parental rights termination proceedings

Pro bono co-counsel, capitol post-conviction appeal