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Tamara has a multi-disciplinary civil litigation practice, which includes the defence of third-party automobile and commercial general liability claims.

She advises and represents insurers on:

- statutory accident benefit matters, with a focus on catastrophic injury claims
- casualty and property matters, including third-party motor vehicle claims and occupiers' liability claims
- disability claim matters, including interpretation of disability contracts

Her practice includes the defence of municipal liability and disability insurance claims and advising on claims against municipalities involving maintenance and design of roadways and sidewalks.

She also advises insurance and municipal clients on a matters including statutory interpretation (i.e., *Municipal Act, City of Toronto Act, Negligence Act, Insurance Act* and *Limitations Act*).

Tamara is chair of BLG's Diversity and Inclusion Council.

Experience

- **Thiruchelvam and ACE/INA, FSCO A14-00619,** December 18, 2017 - Arbitration matter involving an application for statutory accident benefits arising from a pedestrian/motor vehicle accident. Dismissed in its entirety.

Insights & Events

- BLG Podcasts, BLG Podcast, June 2023
- Author, "Case summary of Varriano v. Allstate Insurance Company of Canada", BLG Article, February 2023
- Author, "Identification of hazard not required to defeat summary judgment in accident claims", BLG Article, September 2021
- Addressing Systemic Racism in Corporate Culture, BLG Podcast, August 2020
- The Sensor: Highlights of the connected and autonomous vehicles report by ICTC and CAVCOE, BLG Perspective, July 2020
- Author, "Under-insured driver entitled to deduct third party's insurance limits", BLG Article, July 2020
- Author, "Summary judgment denied in child injury claim against amusement park", BLG Article, March 2020
- Quoted, "Today's data-collection fuels the automated urban transport of tomorrow," The Globe and Mail, February 20, 2019.
- Speaker, Globe and Mail Drive Mobility Summit
- Autonomous Vehicles, BLG Podcast, December 2018
- Author, "Court Denies Summary Judgment To Defendant Driver With Right-Of-Way", BLG Article, November 2018
- Moderator, Women in Litigation Toronto Forum
- The Sensor: Managing Cybersecurity Risks of Connected and Autonomous Vehicles, BLG Perspective, March 2018
- Speaker, Cyber hacking and its threat to successfully progressing towards fully autonomously driving vehicles, The Transatlantic Dialogue Initiative
- Moderator, Cybersecurity for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles: Steering Clear of Hackers

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, American Bar Association, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)
- Vice-chair, American Bar Association, TIPS: Litigation and Trial Practice, Cybersecurity, Automobile Litigation and Women Trial Lawyers
- Member, Canadian Defence Lawyer's Association
- Member, Trial Lawyers Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, Canadian Bar Association

Community Involvement

- School coordinator, BLG Reads to Kids Program

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2025) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Insurance Law)

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2000

- LLB, University of Manitoba, 1998
- BA, University of Alberta, 1992

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