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PARTNER

Tara provides unique cross-border perspective and deep experience in both the United States and Canada on large-scale infrastructure projects, including public-private partnerships.

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Overview

Tara works closely with different types of clients, including private developers, equity providers, lenders, underwriters, public authorities, construction contractors and service providers on all aspects of the implementation of major infrastructure projects.

Called to both the New York and Ontario bars, she has played a key role in multiple award-winning infrastructure projects in the U.S. and Canada. Her versatile practice involves projects across a wide range of infrastructure asset classes, including transportation, transit, telecommunications, education, water and wastewater, justice and healthcare.



I can't say enough good things about Tara. I trust her implicitly.

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Featured Work

Clackamas County Circuit Courthouse

Torys acted as counsel to Fengate PCL Progress Partners (Fengate Capital/PCL Investments) as the successful proponent for the US\$294.5 million Clackamas County Circuit Courthouse PPP project to design, build, finance, operate and maintain a new courthouse in Clackamas County, Oregon, which won *IJGlobal's* 2022 North America Social Infrastructure Deal of the Year

Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion

Torys acted as counsel to Red River Valley Alliance (Acciona Concessions/Shikun & Binui/North American Construction Group) as the successful proponent for the US\$2.1 billion Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion PPP project to design, build, finance, operate and maintain a flood control project on the Red River that borders North Dakota and Minnesota, a project which won IFLR Americas Award's 2022 Project Finance Deal of the Year, *Project Finance International's* 2021 Americas P3 Deal of the Year, *Proximo's* 2021 North America Water Deal of the Year and *IJGlobal's* 2021 Water Deal of the Year - North America

Prince George's County Public Schools

Torys acted as counsel to Prince George's County Education and Community Partners (Fengate/Gilbane/Stantec/Honeywell) as the successful proponent for the US\$400 million Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) PPP project to design, build, finance and maintain six new schools in Prince George County, Maryland

Potrero Yard Community Partners (Fengate Capital /Emerald Fund/American Triple I Partners) as a shortlisted proponent for the Potrero Yard Modernization PPP project to design, build, finance, operate and maintain a new bus yard and affordable housing project in San Francisco, California

Boston AFC 2.0 OpCo (Cubic Transportation/John Laing) in connection with the US\$440 million refinancing of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's Automated Fare Collections System 2.0 PPP project to design, install, finance, operate and maintain a new automated, account-based open fare payment system

the lenders to Mobilinx (John Laing/Salini/Hitachi/Astaldi/Amico/Transdev), the successful proponent for the C\$4.6 billion Hurontario Light Rail Transit PPP project to design, build, finance, operate and maintain a new integrated light rail transit system between Port Credit GO Station in Mississauga to the Gateway Terminal at Steeles Avenue in Brampton, Ontario, a project which won both IJGlobal's and Proximo's 2019 North America Rail Deal of the Year

Fengate Capital as an equity provider to Conrac Solutions, the developer selected to design, build, finance, operate and maintain a new US\$500 million multi-level garage complex and consolidated rental car facility at Newark Liberty International Airport, which won Project Finance International's 2019 P3 Deal of the Year for the Americas and Proximo's 2019 North America PPP Deal of the Year

TransitNEXT (SNC-Lavalin Capital) as the successful proponent for the C\$1.6 billion Trillium Line South Extension PPP project to design, build, finance and maintain a 16 km southward extension to the existing Ottawa light rail transit system in Ottawa, Ontario

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Recognition and Awards

2024-2026 *Chambers Canada*—Leading lawyer in projects: PPP and infrastructure

2013-2023 *Chambers Global*—Foreign expert in projects: USA

2019-2025 *The Legal 500*—Leading partner in international expertise

2013-2023	<i>IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms</i> —Highly regarded in project finance
2012-2015	<i>Best Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in project finance law
2013-2023, 2026	<i>The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory</i> —Leading lawyer in project finance and infrastructure law
2018-2022	<i>Lexpert/American Lawyer's Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada</i> —Leading lawyer in project finance

Insights

Building the projects of tomorrow: Project trends in the U.S. and Canada

Has the gap narrowed between projects north and south of the border? Tara Mackay and Josh van Deurzen from our Projects team compare notes on two closely linked project environments.

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Torys recognized as Tier 1 in eight practice areas by IFLR1000

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Professional Involvement

Tara is a Fellow of the American College of Investment Counsel (2015 to present).

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

LLB, 2000

Osgoode Hall Law School

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2002

New York, 2017