

Tara Dunn

People-Focused Entrepreneur and Attorney, Corporate Governance, Public Companies, Risk Management, Mergers & Acquisitions, Strategic Problem Solving, Leadership and Professional Development, Graduate Degree in Counseling Psychology



Tara Dunn is a multi-time entrepreneur and operator with experience launching, building, and growing a iconic Denver microbrewery, as well as a boutique corporate law firm. Passionate about people and supporting them in professional development, she brings energy, curiosity, and courageous leadership to each of her endeavors.

Board Leadership

1993-2005 *Great Divide Brewing Company*

1996-2002 *Colorado Brewers Guild*

2012-2019 *Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation* (Chair, 2017-2018, Treasurer & Chair of Finance & Audit Committee, 2015-2016)

2017-2018 *Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce* (Finance Committee, 2015-2016)

2018-2021 *Rocky Mountain MicroFinance Institute*

2021-Present *Team Evergreen Cycling* (Chair, 2023; Governance Committee Chair)

Tara has over three decades of board service experience, including in co-founder or chair roles. She brings deep expertise in corporate governance, fiduciary duties of directors and officers, preparing board calendars, meeting materials and agendas, and board minutes. Tara has been at the table with public company boards, their committees, and management, advising them through risk assessment, mergers and acquisitions, corporate auctions, and crisis management.

Tara began her career as an entrepreneur, partnering to launch Denver's Great Divide Brewing Company while she pursued a master's degree in counseling psychology. She spent over a decade collaborating to build the business, co-founding the Colorado Brewers Guild to protect Colorado's craft beer industry along the way.

Restless in thinking about new and unique ways to help others achieve their best outcomes, Tara went to law school to become a corporate attorney and support clients in achieving their business potential. During the first ten years of her law practice, Tara worked at some of the world's most recognized law firms, including Hogan Lovells (then known as Hogan & Hartson) and Morrison & Foerster.

Relevant Experience

2017-Present – President and Attorney-at-Law, *HighMark Law*

2015-2015 – Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, *Ciber, Inc.* (NYSE: CBR)

2005-2015 – Corporate Attorney, *Hogan Lovells, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Shreck, Perkins Coie, Morrison & Foerster*

1993-2005 – Senior Vice President, Startup Partner & Director, *Great Divide Brewing Company*

Tara served Ciber, Inc. (NYSE: CBR), a global IT services company as its Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, where she supported the corporate secretary in the boardroom, and was the legal team lead on credit financing activities, public company reporting, and compliance matters. Looking to return to her entrepreneurial roots, in 2017, she launched her own firm, HighMark Law, with a focus on supporting businesses in achieving their best outcomes.

Tara has been recognized as a Colorado SuperLawyer since 2020 and has represented companies of all sizes, from start-ups to Fortune 100 companies, in 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, public offerings, and in her favorite role, as outside general counsel.

Since launching HighMark Law, Tara has supported the boards, committees, and management of CH2M HILL Companies, Red Robin (NASDAQ: RRGB), STAQ Pharma, Inc. and HSS, Inc. in the boardroom. In private practice, she also has advised public companies CSG International, Gates, Molson Coors, RE/MAX LLC, Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., R1 RCM, Inc., Regal Entertainment Group, ServiceSource, SoftBank, Sprint, TransMontaigne, US Gold Corp., and Vail Resorts in connection with public reporting matters, corporate governance, stock exchange compliance, activist shareholders, and public company mergers & acquisitions.

Credentials

JD, *University of Denver*, 2005

MA, Counseling Psychology, *University of Colorado Denver*, 1996

BA, Psychology, *University of Colorado Boulder*, 1993

Tara grew up in Lakewood, Colorado and is the proud mother of adult twins, Liam and Cormac. She is a lifelong learner and athlete, former national championship cyclist, and rides bikes with her significant other on paved and gravel roads as often as she can.

[Graduate, *Corporate Board Bound*, 2023]