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Practice Areas

Transportation Litigation (Firm Practice Group Chair),
Accident and Personal Injury Litigation
and Employment Law and Litigation

Overview

Tamara Cook is an equity shareholder of Renaud Cook Drury Mesaros, where she has been practicing law since 1991. Over her 25-year career, Tamara's robust law practice has primarily focused on issues facing clients in the areas of commercial trucking and transportation. She has advised owners and managers on complex business transactions, from litigating liability claims for the trucking industry to managing employee whistle-blower complaints. She has proven herself adept at counselling many of the nation's largest transportation clients in areas such as risk management, operational safety, and audit support/consultation, among others.

Clients appreciate that Tamara takes the time to understand them personally in addition to learning the intricate details of their business operations. She bases her representation on a foundation of mutual trust and respect, and her clients appreciate the personal nature of her practice, as well as her willingness to understand their business' operations as a whole. Tamara is truly a business partner on behalf of clients, and able to ensure her legal representation is complementary to the overall objectives of the client's operations.

Tamara serves as Arizona's Vice Chair of the Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee for the American Bar Association and is a member of the Women's Initiative Practice Group Steering Committee of ALFA International. For years, she has held a leadership role in the Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA). Additionally, Tamara has chaired/vice chaired numerous trucking/transportation industry programs. Because of her vast experience in the

transportation industry, Tamara is a frequent presenter at transportation conferences across the nation.

Publications and Presentations

Co-author, "ALFA 50-State Transportation Compendium," 2009-2014

Editor, "Shifting Gears: Practical Solutions for Litigation Challenges Affecting the Trucking Industry," ALFA International Transportation Course Book, 2009

Contributor, "Motor Carrier Liability Issues Relating to Owner Operators," ALFA International Transportation Compendium, 2009

Contributor, "Answers to Questions Every Transportation Company Needs to Know: A Fifty-State Survey," ALFA International, 2006

Contributor, "Bodily Injury and Death Damages in Trucking Cases: A Fifty-State Survey," ALFA International, 2005

Contributor, "Til Death Do Us Part: A Fifty-State Survey," ALFA International, 2004

Co-author, "A Fifty-State Compendium of Transportation Law Issues," ALFA International, 2003

Co-author, "Compendium of Transportation Law Issues," ALFA International, 2002

Co-author, "Arizona Law of Liability for Acts of Owner/Operators: First Party and Third Party Claims – a Fifty-State Survey," ALFA International, 2000

Co-author, "Low Speed Impacts," Lincoln General Insurance Company, York, PA, August 2005

Co-author, "Good Liability Arguments but Log Books are Cooked or Brakes are Slightly Out of Adjustment," Lincoln General Insurance Company, August 2005

Co-author, "Avoiding Ethical Blowouts," American Trucking Association Litigation Center's Forum for Motor Carrier General Counsel, July 2005

Co-author, "Preparing for Trial and Appeal – What You Don't Know Can Hurt You," American Bar Association Transportation MegaConference VII, Trucking and Motor Carrier Litigation, March 2005

Co-author, "Using Lawyers You Can Learn to Love," National Tank Truck Carriers, March 2005

"Can You Afford to Only Follow the 'Important' Policies?" Arkansas Trucking Seminar, 2013

“Whistleblower Protections: How Do You Handle Complaints from Within?” American Trucking Associations, July 2013

“The Cliff House: Employer Culpability for Compliance with FMCSRs,” American Trucking Associations, July 2012

“All Systems Check-Up: Brainstorming Strategies to Help Identify and Manage Your Risk,” Association of Corporate Counsel, Arizona Chapter, June 2012

“Snake Charming, Mass Hypnotism and Other Feats of Magic: Jury Selection in a Catastrophic Injury Trucking Case,” ALFA International Transportation Seminar, Amelia Island, Florida, May 2012

Transportation Leaders (panel), Arkansas Trucking Seminar, September 2011

“Strategies for the Tough Case: Mandatory Insurer Reporting of Medicare Allocations and Medicare Secondary Payout – Private Causes of Action?” April 2010

“Developments in Accident Reconstruction Techniques,” ATA Forum for Motor Carrier General Counsel, July 2009

“Medicare Mandatory Reporting and Allocations,” ALFA International Transportation Practice Group Tele-Seminar, June 2009

“Medicare Mandatory Reporting Requirements and Procedures,” In-House Training for National Client, February 2009

“‘To Avoid a Fine, I Walk the Line’: Handling FMCSA Compliance Audits,” Panelist, Forum for Motor Carrier General Counsels, American Trucking Associations, Laguna Beach, CA, July 2007

“The Sum of the Parts – Technology, Equipment and Trucking Litigation,” ABA Transportation Mega Conference VIII, March 2007

“Commercial Drivers Standard of Care – Just How High Is It?” Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA), February 2007

“Rapid Response Teams,” National Private Truck Council, Washington, D.C., September 2006

“The Animated Witness,” ALFA International Transportation Seminar, Lake Las Vegas, April 2006

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- Indiana

Professional Associations and Memberships

- American Society for Pharmacy Law: past president
- Arizona Pharmacists Association
- Arizona Pharmacy Alliance
- Pharmacy Marketing Group: past president
- Iowa Pharmacists Association
- Iowa Pharmacy Foundation