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Overview

Tara is a strategic patent litigator and regulatory counselor with deep experience guiding life sciences, pharmaceutical, agrochemical, technology, and other innovation-driven companies through the legal, operational, and regulatory complexities that arise across the full product-development lifecycle. Her practice spans complex patent litigation, portfolio strategy, regulatory counseling, opinion work, and diligence, with particular strength at the intersection of patent law, agency frameworks, and commercial strategy.

Tara advises both clinical-stage and commercial-stage companies on how to build, protect, and position their assets while navigating evolving regulatory and compliance requirements. In the life sciences and pharmaceutical sectors, her work includes matters under the Hatch-Waxman Amendments, the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act (BPCIA), controlled-substance handling, REMS-related considerations, data-integrity and documentation practices, and aligning IP strategy with development-phase and exclusivity goals. Outside the pharmaceutical arena, Tara regularly counsels and represents clients in protecting, defending, and commercializing innovations in fields such as agrochemicals, crop protection technologies, lighting and LED systems, software and digital platforms, and chemical and materials engineering.

As a litigator, Tara brings rigorous patent analysis, regulatory fluency, and practical business judgment to each engagement. Tara has led teams through all stages of litigation-from pre-suit investigations and strategic case development to trial, appeal, and post-grant proceedings before federal district courts, the Federal Circuit, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Her experience includes managing complex fact and expert discovery, taking and defending key depositions, drafting and arguing dispositive motions, and examining witnesses at trial.

Clients rely on Tara not only for her command of patent and regulatory law but also for her ability to operate as a cross-functional strategic partner. She works closely with clinical, regulatory, CMC, quality, engineering, product, and executive teams to anticipate litigation and regulatory risks, ensure alignment between scientific or technical development and external communications, and build IP and documentation frameworks that withstand scrutiny from competitors, investors, and regulators. She advises on patent portfolio development, freedom-to-operate assessments, licensing strategy, regulatory exclusivity positioning, and the IP components of transactions and development-stage collaborations.

Whether supporting an emerging company preparing for pivotal studies, assisting a pharmaceutical or agrochemical manufacturer bring a product to market, helping a technology company protect or defend against a hardware or software platform, or guiding any manufacturer through a competitive IP landscape, Tara brings clear judgment, disciplined execution, and a balanced understanding of scientific, technical, legal, and commercial priorities. Her integrated litigation, IP, and regulatory perspective enables companies across industries to advance innovation with confidence while protecting long-term asset value.

Representative Matters

- Key member of trial team that secured an invalidity ruling after appeal with respect to a patent in ANDA litigation concerning an ACE inhibitor.*
- Member of team that secured a non-infringement ruling on summary judgment and on appeal with respect to a patent in ANDA litigation concerning a cephalasporin antibiotic.*
- Key member of trial team that secured an invalidity ruling with respect to a patent in ANDA litigation concerning a steroid used to treat asthma.*
- Key member of team that secured victory on behalf of pharmaceutical company at the District Court and Federal Circuit levels, not only defeating a preliminary injunction motion but invalidating two patents upon summary judgment relating to a drug used to treat or prevent osteoporosis.*
- Key member of trial team for a pharmaceutical company in ANDA litigation and on appeal with respect to numerous patents concerning an HIV antiviral.*
- Represented a pharmaceutical company in ANDA litigation involving numerous patents directed to a drug used to treat iron deficiency anemia in patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD).*
- Represented pharmaceutical company in ANDA litigation involving formulation and device patents relating to a bronchodilator.*
- Represented pharmaceutical companies in ANDA litigation involving three polymorph patents relating to a coronary vasodilator used in pharmacologic stress testing.*

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of Illinois College of Law, 2003, J.D.
  - Journal of Law, Technology, & Policy (2001-03), Notes Editor (2002-03)
- University of Illinois – Chicago, 2000, B.S., B.A., Chemistry and Economics
  - B.S. High Distinction
  - B.A. Highest Distinction
  - Phi Beta Kappa, 1999
  - College Honors, Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2000

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Memberships

- South Asian Bar Association of North America, 2022-2023 Past President, Advisory Council
- South Asian Bar Association of North America Foundation, Trustee
- South Asian Bar Association of Chicago, Advisory Council, Past President 2008
- Chicago Tyagaraja Utsavam (Indian Classical Music and Dance Organization), Board Member

Awards & Recognition

- Named, 2026 Lawdragon 500 Leading Global IP Lawyers
- Recipient, Cornerstone Award, South Asian Bar Association of North America, 2025
- Recipient, Vanguard Award, Chicago Bar Association, 2024
- Listed, Illinois Rising Star, Super Lawyers, 2013-2018
- Listed, Top Woman Attorneys in Illinois, Chicago Magazine, 2013

News & Insights

- Benesch Partner Tara Raghavan Named to 2026 Lawdragon 500 Leading Global IP Lawyers List
  September 10, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch Partner Tara Raghavan Quoted in Law360 on Federal Circuit's Wyeth Patent Ruling
  July 21, 2026 | Media Mentions
- 16 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
  January 27, 2026 | Press Releases
- Tara Raghavan, Manish Mehta and Mircea Tipescu Mentioned in Law360 on Insecticide Patent Dispute Win at Federal Circuit
  August 5, 2025 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Partner Tara Raghavan Honored with SABA North America's 2025 Cornerstone Award
  June 5, 2025 | Press Releases
- N. Paul Coyle and Tara Raghavan mentioned in Crain's Chicago People on the Move
  October 11, 2024 | Media Mentions
- Tara Raghavan Quoted in Wall Street Journal Article on the FDA's 'Project Optimus' Initiative
  September 5, 2024 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Continues Expansion of Chicago IP Litigation Practice, Adding Partner Tara Raghavan
  August 6, 2024 | Press Releases

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Every Word Matters: Effective Claim Drafting and Construction in Today's Pharmaceutical and Chemical Landscape | Charanjit Brahma, Tara Raghavan, Michael S. Weinstein
  November 11, 2025 | Speaking Engagement
- 5th Annual Passport to Proficiency on the Essentials of Hatch-Waxman and BPCIA | Tara Raghavan
  October 14, 2025 - October 28, 2025 | Speaking Engagement
- Emerging Risks and Strategies for Navigating Patent, Trademark, Copyright and Trade Secret Matters in Uncertain Times | Tara Raghavan
  January 26, 2025 - January 28, 2025 | Speaking Engagement