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Tamara Hunter is a member of the firm's litigation group. She practises in the areas of freedom of information and privacy law, administrative law and professional regulation law. She acts for a variety of professional regulatory bodies on matters involving registration, professional disciplinary proceedings and related litigation.

She has conducted numerous hearings before professional disciplinary tribunals and has represented professional regulatory bodies before the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia, the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal, the Supreme Court of British Columbia and the British Columbia Court of Appeal.

Tamara has represented both private sector and public sector organizations before the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia, the Yukon Information and Privacy Commissioner and in related litigation. Tamara has also been named by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia as a qualified lawyer approved to act on its behalf in matters relating to privacy protection law, administrative law and access to information law.

Born in New Westminster, B.C., Tamara obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Simon Fraser University in 1988. She received the Chancellor's Entrance Scholarship and majored in both economics and business administration.

Tamara then attended the University of British Columbia where she received her Law Degree in 1990.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English

EXPERIENCE

- University of British Columbia v. Lister 2017 BCSC 41
- West Vancouver Police Department v. BC (Information and Privacy Commissioner) 2016 BCSC 934
- British Columbia (Ministry of Justice) v. Maddock, 2015 BCSC 746

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Data Protection, Privacy and Security

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

- Transportation Investment Corporation, 2015 BCIPC 6
- Transportation Investment Corporation, 2015 BCIPC 3
- Thompson Rivers University, 2014 BCIPC 56 (CanLii)
- Langley (Township) v. DeRaadt 2014 BCSC 650
- Law Society of BC (Re), 2013 BCIPC 28 (CanLII)

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- British Columbia, 1992

Prior Experience

Prior to joining the firm, Tamara was a Law Clerk to the Right Honourable Chief Justice Lamer of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers in Canada*, Lawyer of the Year (Privacy and Data Security Law), 2020
- Martindale-Hubbell, Distinguished® Peer Review Rated
- *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Corporate and Commercial Litigation), 2017-2020 (Administrative and Public Law), 2018-2020 (Privacy and Data Security Law), 2018-2019
- *Chambers Canada* (Privacy and Data Protection), 2018-2019

Education

- LL.B., University of British Columbia, 1990
- B.A., Simon Fraser University, 1988

Memberships

- Governor, The Law Foundation of British Columbia, 2010-2015
- Chair, The Law Foundation of British Columbia, 2013-2015
- Member, Canadian Bar Association (Administrative, Freedom of Information & Privacy Law, and Women Lawyers Forum Subsections)
- Founding Member and past Co-Chair, Freedom of Information & Privacy Law Subsection
- Member, Westcoast L.E.A.F.
- Member, B.C. Civil Liberties Association
- Member, B.C. Privacy Professionals Network
- Member, Bard on the Beach Theatre Society

Community Involvement

- Pro Bono Law of B.C. - Top Ten Fundraiser for 2009 "Advice-a-thon"; Top Fifteen Fundraiser for 2014 "Advice-a thon"
- PAC Fundraising and "Walk to School" Programs
- PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) - New Westminster BC Chapter, President

INSIGHTS

Publications

Once more unto the breach: Canada's PIPEDA breach notification and reporting regulations in force November 1, 2018

30 APR 2018

Organizations have about seven months to get ready for compliance.

- Co-author, "Invasion of Privacy in the Context of an Investigation: Does it Render Evidence Inadmissible in Canadian Civil Proceedings?" *International In-house Counsel Journal*, Volume 9, No. 33, Autumn, 2015
- Co-author, "Canada's New Digital Privacy Act: A Welcome Upgrade of the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act", Bloomberg BNA, July, 2015.
- Republished, "Saskatchewan Employee Snooping Case: Two Privacy Wrongs Make a Right?", *Risk Management in Health Care*, Volume 17, No. 2, April, 2015.

Events

- Speaker, "How GDPR compares to Canadian privacy law and affects Canadian organizations," Privacy and Security in the Digital Age, Thompson Rivers University Conference, January 2019
- Speaker, Access to Information and Privacy Law Symposium, Canadian Bar Association, 2017
- Speaker, DLA Piper (Canada) LLP Canadian Employment and Labour Law Conference, 2015 and 2016

NEWS

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Quoted, "Canadians concerned over 'growing risks to their reputation' in an online world: privacy commissioner ", *The Lawyer's Daily*, February 8, 2018 [This article was originally published by *The Lawyer's Daily* , part of LexisNexis Canada Inc.]
- Quoted, "Proposed PIPEDA regulations will raise corporate obligations", *Canadian Lawyer*, September 7, 2017
- Quoted, "Guidelines to Develop Whistleblowing System," *Slaw*, March 3, 2016.
- Quoted, "Beacon technology finding footing in Canada", *The Lawyers Weekly*, August, 2015.
This article originally appeared in the August 28, 2014 issue of The Lawyers Weekly, published by LexisNexis Canada Inc.
- Interviewed by *Nymity* for "Privacy Interviews with Experts", July, 2015.