Tarissa L. Peterson

ASSOCIATE



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PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation, Dispute Resolution & Appeals
- Commercial Litigation & Arbitrations
- Civil Litigation
- Estate Litigation
- Appellate Advocacy
- Class Action Litigation

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Overview

Tarissa Peterson is a litigation associate with a broad civil and commercial litigation practice. She has appeared as counsel before all levels of court in Saskatchewan, including the Court of Appeal, Court of King's Bench, Provincial Court, and various administrative tribunals.

Before joining McDougall Gauley, Tarissa served as in-house legal counsel for one of Canada's largest privately owned corporations, managing complex, high-stakes litigation across multiple jurisdictions, including Canada, the United States, Australia, and New Zealand.

Raised in a small rural farming community in Southern Saskatchewan, Tarissa's passion for broadening her global perspective led her to travel extensively. She worked aboard international cruise ships, lived in Bermuda, and studied in England. Having traveled to over 80 countries, these experiences enriched her understanding of international legal and social issues, inspiring her to pursue a legal career focused on justice and reform.

Driven by a lifelong passion for international relations, Tarissa completed academic work at Harvard University, culminating in a thesis under the guidance of Harvard Law Professor Gabriella Blum that highlighted the socioeconomic exploitation within the cruise ship industry. She continues to advocate for legal reform, with her most recent research about to be

published in one of the world's top five international law journals.

Rooted deeply in Saskatchewan, Tarissa is committed to serving Saskatchewan communities, combining her local expertise with a global outlook to deliver effective legal solutions tailored to her clients' needs.

Achievements

BAR ADMISSION

- Saskatchewan, 2015

EDUCATION

- Master's Degree in International Relations (Dean's List), Harvard University, 2024
- Graduate Certificate in Social Justice, Harvard University, 2023
- Qualified Arbitrator, ADR Institute of Canada, 2020
- Canadian Equivalency Certificate, National Committee on Accreditation Federation of Law Society of Canada, 2014
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours), University of Kent, 2013

MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Canadian Bar Association
  - Regional Member of Council for Regina (2023-2025; 2025-2027)
  - Limited Licensing Pilot Committee Member (2023-2024)
  - Mid-Winter Planning Committee (2022-2023; 2025-2026)
- Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association
  - Awards Committee Chair (2026-present)
  - Political Action Committee (2025-present)
  - Awards Committee Member (2023-present)
  - District Governor for Regina (2023; 2024-2026; 2026-2028)
- Law Society of Saskatchewan
- ADR Institute of Saskatchewan

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan, 2022-2023
- Samadep Village Project, 2017-present
- International Initiatives, 2015-present

Representative Work

Successfully represented the Rural Municipality in a judicial review application seeking to quash a municipal bylaw.

2022 | *GSI Global Shelters Developments Ltd. v Rural Municipality of Last Mountain Valley No. 250*, QBG-SK-02936-2019

Successfully argued that severed gravel stockpiled under a profit à prendre agreement remained the tenant's property after the lease expired, granting reasonable time for its removal. The gravel in dispute was valued in excess of $885,000.00.

2021 | *Ter Keurs Bros. Inc. v Last Mountain Valley (Rural Municipality)*, 2021 SKCA 55
