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# Marie Tukara Partner - Family Law

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For over 30 years Marie has been helping families resolve their issues upon separation. Marie is head of the family law department and has practiced as a family law litigator and negotiator. Marie specializes in all areas of family law including but not limited to complex property matters, complex decision making and parenting time issues and spousal and child support.

#### Education

Western University, LL.B.

Called to the Bar in 1989

## About

Marie is a partner and the head of the family law department and has practiced as a family law litigator and negotiator for over 30 years. She specializes in all areas of family law including but not limited to complex property matters, complex decision making and parenting time issues and spousal and child support. Due to her vast experience and expertise Marie is able to produce an outcome in the most efficient and cost effective way which is her goal for her clients.

Marie is sensitive to her client's needs and is well known for her compassion and understanding during this difficult time in their lives in addition to her ability to get the best results possible. Marie truly connects with her clients and can quickly assess what is the best route for her client whether it is negotiating an agreement or litigation.

Marie is very dedicated to her profession, access to justice and the community. For many years she has been the Family Responsibility Office's primary and senior agent for London and Area. She freely gives her time to the community, formerly as a board member with Madame Vanier Services, and more recently as a Dispute Resolution Officer hearing case conferences on motions to change at family court. She is frequently a speaker at Family Law Conferences.

Marie is well respected amongst her peers and the judiciary. She is sought out by clients due to her reputation and her successes.

### **Community Involvement**

Madame Vanier Children's Services, Past Member of the Board of Directors from 2002-2007

#### In the News

Featured Guest on CJBK Ask the Experts Radio Show-April 28 and July 14, 2011

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## **Memberships and Associations**

- Canadian Bar Association, Member
- Law Society of Upper Canada, Member
- Middlesex Law Association, Member
- Middlesex Family Lawyers Association, Past Treasurer from 1985-1992
- Southwest Women's Region Law Association, Member
- Joint Liason Resource Committee, Member
- Superior Court of Justice (Family Court Branch),
- Dispute Resolution Officer, 2015 to present
- Dispute Resolution Implementation Committee, Co Chair, March 2017 to present
- Children's Panel Layer in Child Protection and Custody and Access, 1992-1996

### Awards and Recognition

Marie Tukara has been selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers™ in Canada* 2025.

Marie Tukara has been selected by her peers as the 2022 recipient of the Middlesex Law Association's Distinguished Service Award.

### **Publications and Speaking**

- Speaker, 34th Annual Middlesex Family Conference, September 2024.
- Speaker, Ontario Bar Association 14th Annual Bread and Butter Issues in Family Law, 2023
- Law Society of Ontario Bar Admission Course -Instructor in Skills and Professional Responsibility Program, 2005-2008
- Law Society of Ontario Bar Admission Course -Seminal Leader in Family Law, 1998-2004

- Speaker, Middlesex Family Law Conference, 2021
- Speaker, Middlesex Family Law Conference, October 2014
- Focus Group Leader, Middlesex Family Law Conference, 2013