

Tara Malek



Tara Malek is a litigator and co-owner of Smith + Malek, PLLC. She is an Idaho licensed attorney practicing in state, federal, and Coeur d'Alene Tribal Court in business and commercial litigation and has experience in both civil and criminal law. Previously, she worked as a Kootenai County Deputy Prosecutor, a Special Assistant United States Attorney, and an Assistant United States Attorney at the United States Attorney's Office in Boise. Tara has a diverse litigation practice comprising cases that involve violations of civil rights, contract disputes, Indian law, trade secrets, and employment law.

Tara is Iranian American. She was born in England and was raised in Iran, Washington, and Arizona. She holds a B.A. in political science from the University of Arizona in Tucson, and she moved to Idaho in 2008 to attend the University of Idaho College of Law, where she met her husband, Luke Malek. She graduated with her J.D. in 2011.

In 2018, the Idaho Business Review named Tara among Idaho's Women of the Year honorees, and in 2019, she was named among the publication's Leaders in Law. In her spare time, Tara enjoys fly fishing, backpacking, bouldering and biking.