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Karen's practice focuses on **commercial disputes** with an emphasis on the **energy industry**, including oil, gas and electricity in both litigation and regulatory matters.

Karen advises energy companies in litigation related to:

- oil and gas operations
- environmental contamination matters
- contracts, acquisitions and divestitures
- and mineral ownership and title disputes.

She also acts for electricity clients in regulatory proceedings as well as on unregulated matters, and for oil and gas clients in environmental matters.

Karen does both trial and appellate work and has appeared before the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench, the Alberta Court of Appeal, and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Karen is involved with BLG's Team North®.

Before being called to the Bar, Karen clerked with the Alberta Court of Appeal and the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench, then joined Howard Mackie LLP, one of BLG's five founding firms.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Buckle up: Alberta's new guidelines on motor vehicle protection products and potential for captive insurance", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "Offshore wind: Canada's future as a clean energy superpower", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "The SCC lowers the legal threshold for challenging the vires of subordinate legislation", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "OSC short-selling prosecution dismissed", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "Federal Court of Appeal finds lengthy and complex privacy policies breached meaningful consent", BLG Article, November 2024
- Author, "Ontario measures to encourage private investment into electricity distribution utilities", BLG Article, October 2024
- Author, "Renewable virtual power purchase agreements and the clean energy landscape", BLG Article, October 2024
- Author, "Class actions – A review of 2023 in Québec", BLG Article, October 2024
- Author, "Private real estate investment trusts A smart plan for business growth", BLG Article, October 2024
- Author, "The AERs broad duty of disclosure in licence appeals Judd v Alberta Energy Regulator", BLG Article, October 2024
- Author, "Unanimous Supreme Court upholds air passenger protection regulations' requirements for travel disruption compensation on international flights", BLG Article, October 2024
- Author, "Modern slavery reporting: Key lessons from Public Safety Canada's 2024 annual report to Parliament", BLG Article, October 2024
- Pace, money and innovation: BLG's Sonya Savage and EDU's Graeme Edge talk energy transition, BLG Video, October 2024
- Author, "Time waits for no one: Procurement complaints before the CITT", BLG Article, September 2024
- Author, "ONCA confirms that a self-insured retention is not akin to a policy when considering whether a concurrent policy exists for coverage", BLG Article, September 2024
- Author, "Update on Canada's clean economy ITCs", BLG Article, September 2024
- Author, "Ontario launches large competitive energy procurement: Opportunities for renewables and next steps for LT2", BLG Article, September 2024
- Author, "Change and consistency: The AUC in the six months since the Alberta renewables inquiry and related pause", BLG Article, September 2024
- Author, "Extending limitation periods for environmental damages: Paramount Resources Ltd v Grey Owl Engineering Ltd.", BLG Article, August 2024
- Author, "Federal Court of Appeal in summary trial on ownership upholds finding that neither party owns the patent", BLG Article, August 2024
- Author, "Ontario Court of Appeal confirms 5 per cent default PJI on non-pecuniary damages", BLG Article, August 2024
- Author, "Cabinet confidentiality over discovery in litigation: The Court of Appeal reaffirms public interest immunity", BLG Article, August 2024
- Author, "Supply Chain Uncertainty: Navigating rail shutdowns and possible port strikes", BLG Article, August 2024
- Author, "Full particulars are required when pleading misrepresentation under s. 53 of the Patent Act", BLG Article, August 2024
- Ontario class actions 2023 year in review, BLG Perspective, August 2024

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association, Natural Resources Subsection
- Member, Calgary Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Past Vice President, Ringette Alberta
- Past Board of Directors, Ringette Alberta
- Bow View Ringette Association, coordinator/coach
- Board of Directors, Calgary Rowing Club

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2024) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Energy Law, Energy Regulatory Law) and since 2017 (Corporate Commercial Litigation).
- Recognized in the 2024 (and since 2019) edition of *Benchmark Canada — The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as "Litigation Star" (Class Actions, Energy, Commercial; Oil and Gas).
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Energy (Electricity))
- Recognized in the 2023 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Energy*
- Recognized as a 2019 *Acritas Star*.
- Recognized in the 2016 edition of *Benchmark Canada — The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys* as a "Future Star: Alberta."
- Recognized in the 2015 edition of *Benchmark Canada — The Definitive Guide to Canada's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys*.

Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 1995
- Northwest Territories, 2010
- Nunavut, 2023

- LLB, University of Calgary, 1994
- BA, University of Calgary, 1992

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