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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, "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
- Author, "ESG litigation and regulatory risks: Managing claims and liabilities for Canadian businesses", BLG Article, July 2024
- Author, "What gives the Agency the right (to be heard on appeal)? Lessons from WestJet v Lareau", BLG Article, July 2024
- Author, "Supreme Court of Canada confirms that there is no absolute immunity for Parliament (or legislatures) for legislative acts", BLG Article, July 2024
- Author, "False advertising and greenwashing: Bill C-59 changes to Competition Act", BLG Article, July 2024
- Author, "IESO LT2 and MT2: What's new and what to expect", BLG Article, July 2024
- Author, "Don't mess with Vavilov: SCC confirms explicit legislative direction required to displace default reasonableness standard", BLG Article, July 2024
- Author, "Correctness for Charter questions? York Region District School Board v. Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario", BLG Article, June 2024
- Author, "The proposed LT2 RFP: Strategic challenges, system needs and other musings", BLG Article, June 2024
- Author, "The Supreme Court of Canada holds police informer proceeding was not a "secret trial"", BLG Article, June 2024
- Author, "Supreme Court defines use of exclusion clauses in Ontario sale contracts", BLG Article, June 2024
- Author, "FMC investigation on Canadian Ballast Water regulations", BLG Article, June 2024
- Author, "New Rules of the Supreme Court of Canada for 2024", BLG Article, May 2024
- Author, "Public health and environmental benefit not an advantage for constructive expropriation", BLG Article, May 2024
- Author, "Challenge of regulatory decision was res judicata", BLG Article, May 2024
- Author, "Ontario Court: Municipalities have an ongoing duty to monitor open building permit files", BLG Article, May 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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