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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, "SCC leaves the door open to tort claims against election officials", BLG Article, June 2026
- Author, "ICC Arbitration Rules 2026: Towards enhanced flexibility and procedural efficiency", BLG Article, June 2026
- Author, "La Cour Suprême tranche: Sorry Your Honour N.B. Lieutenant Governor. Vous devez parler français!", BLG Article, June 2026
- Author, "The Superior Court of Québec sets aside an arbitral award and establishes guidelines for the use of AI", BLG Article, June 2026
- Author, "Independent obligations endure: CCAA releases don't extinguish surety indemnity claims", BLG Article, May 2026
- Author, "Canada's new electricity strategy: Powering an electrified future by 2050", BLG Article, May 2026
- Author, "No more automatic stay: Five judge panel overrules Handley Estate", BLG Article, May 2026
- Author, "Supreme Court of Canada recognizes tort of intimate partner violence: Ahluwalia v. Ahluwalia", BLG Article, May 2026
- Author, "Canada's proposed Financial Crimes Agency: A new era of financial crime enforcement", BLG Article, May 2026
- Author, "After Sunrise: Federal approval and CER conditions on the Westcoast Energy expansion", BLG Article, April 2026
- Author, "Misrepresentation of academic qualifications is just cause", BLG Article, April 2026
- Author, "Canada's clean economy ITCs", BLG Article, April 2026
- Author, "Alberta's proposed Expedited 120-Day Approvals Act (Bill 30)", BLG Article, April 2026
- Author, "ONCA weakens entire agreement clauses in contract interpretation", BLG Article, April 2026
- Author, "2026 Update to the new interpretation of the Canada Health Act", BLG Article, April 2026
- Author, "Cogent evidence required to avoid automatic dismissal for delay", BLG Article, March 2026
- Author, "PTAS report cites unpaid oil and gas taxes, impacts on Alberta's municipalities and industry", BLG Article, March 2026
- Author, "Court of Appeal comments on a possible duty of care owed by the Attorney General of Canada", BLG Article, March 2026
- Author, "Beyond BC: Court of Appeal upholds broad reach of provincial privacy laws", BLG Article, March 2026
- Author, "What's guaranteed – and what isn't: The Supreme Court of Canada draws the line on GRC coverage in Emond v. Trillium Mutual Insurance", BLG Article, February 2026
- Author, "Rent, repudiation, and re-leasing: The February 18 SCC hearing that could shift Canadian leasing leverage", BLG Article, February 2026
- Author, "Ontario moves ahead on subsea Toronto Third Line", BLG Article, January 2026
- Author, "Beyond damages: When specific performance prevails in British Columbia real estate litigation", BLG Article, January 2026
- Author, "A new era for civil litigation in Ontario: Highlights from the Civil Rules Review final report", BLG Article, January 2026
- Author, "From mineral tenures to nuclear projects: The evolving role of UNDRIP in Canadian domestic law", BLG Article, January 2026

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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 & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2024) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Energy Law, Energy Regulatory Law) and since 2017 (Corporate Commercial Litigation).
- Recognized in the 2026 (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 2026 edition (and since 2025) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Energy (Oil & Gas)) and since 2023 edition (Energy (Electricity))
- Recognized in the 2025 and 2023 editions 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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