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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®. She was appointed to the King's Counsel in 2024.

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, "Ontario Court of Appeal confirms when new Class Proceedings Act applies", BLG Article, May 2024
- Author, "Navigating liability: Lessons from Mitchell v Manson in waiver applicability", BLG Article, May 2024
- Author, "Proposed Amendments to the Impact Assessment Act in the Budget Implementation Act 2024", BLG Article, May 2024
- Author, "Banque de Montréal c. Chevrete: The Court of Appeal reverses the Superior Court's decision to grant authorization", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "Martel v. Kia Canada: Clarifications on applying the legal warranty of conformity (ss. 40 to 42 CPA)", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "The Tessier case: The Court of Appeal refuses to authorize an insurance-related class action", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "Disclosure of investigation reports to the regulators was a waiver of privilege", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "Duguay v. GM: Superior Court clarifies the plaintiff's burden of proof at the merits stage of a class action lawsuit", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "SCC revisits principles applicable to bank guarantees and confirms pro-arbitration stance by upholding an ICC tribunal's order", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "Canada's 2024 Federal Budget: Update on green investment tax credits", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "Canadian Sustainability Standards Board proposes sustainability and climate-related disclosure standards", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "New SEC Climate Disclosure Rules – prospective impact on Canadian issuers", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "Individual Charter Rights vs Collective Indigenous Rights", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "Court certifies class action against health authority arising from employee snooping into medical records", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "Public interest immunity does not shield briefing on energy policy", BLG Article, April 2024
- Top 10 commercial decisions of 2023: What Canadian businesses need to know, BLG Video, April 2024
- Author, "Day-ahead market and other market changes proposed for Alberta's electricity system", BLG Article, March 2024
- Author, "Two routes to a remedy: Judicial review and statutory rights of appeal", BLG Article, March 2024
- Author, "B.C. introduces Bill 12: sweeping health care cost recovery legislation", BLG Article, March 2024
- Author, "New draft VOC regulations in Canada: Same old constitutional battles? ", BLG Article, March 2024
- Author, "Business interruption loss claims and COVID-19: What is the situation in Québec in 2024?", BLG Article, March 2024
- Author, "Del Giudice: Weeding out meritless claims in privacy class actions", BLG Article, March 2024
- Author, "Canada's path to net zero: The latest on clean electricity regulations and oil & gas emissions", BLG Article, March 2024
- Author, "Achieving net-zero grids by 2035: Changes to Canada's proposed Clean Electricity Regulations", BLG Article, March 2024

- Author, "ONSC decision in Kwong v iAnthus Capital Holdings Inc.", BLG Article, March 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 2024 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Energy Law, Energy Regulatory Law) and in the 2024 (and since 2017) edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® (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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