

Karen Bernofsky

Associate

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Executive summary

Karen is a seasoned commercial litigator and workplace investigator known for her practical, results-driven approach. Karen's practice focuses on property and fraud claims as well as professional negligence, including advising and representing lawyers and real estate agents and brokers. She advises clients on complex legal matters, including issues that intersect with criminal law and administrative or regulatory regimes, and is focused on delivering effective solutions that align with each client's priorities and business realities.

A tenacious advocate, Karen has represented clients in high-stakes litigation before all levels of court in Canada, as well as before administrative tribunals, disciplinary committees, and the Federal Court. Her experience spans both trial and appellate matters, with a practice that includes professional negligence and fraud claims, defamation, and privacy law. Throughout every stage of a matter, Karen maintains a clear focus on achieving her clients' objectives efficiently and strategically.

In addition to her litigation practice, Karen conducts independent workplace investigations into allegations of harassment, discrimination, and misconduct. She is known for her thorough, impartial approach and her ability to deliver clear, well-reasoned, and actionable findings.

Karen is deeply committed to exceptional client service and to building strong, trusted relationships. She values open communication, transparency, and a personalized approach, ensuring clients feel informed and supported throughout the process. Karen works closely with her clients to understand their objectives and develop tailored legal strategies that align with their priorities and business realities.

Outside of the office, Karen fosters dogs and cats for local rescue organizations.

EDUCATION

Osgoode Hall Law School, JD, 2016

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 2017

Expertise

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

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Complex Fraud & Contractual Disputes
Professional Negligence & Discipline matters

Representative work

- Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario (PEO) v Marouf, 2023 ONAPE 2/
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- T-Dot Auto Collision Inc. o/a Cannaverse and Manoharan v. Registrar under the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario Act, 2019, 2022 CanLII 49949 (ON LAT)
- R. v. Gauthier, 2024 ONCA 621 (CanLII)
- Shaulov v. Law Society of Ontario, 2022 ONSC 4131 (Shaulov v. Law Society of Ontario, 2023 ONCA 95; Shaulov v. Law Society of Ontario, 2024 ONCA 263)
- Bertolli v. Toronto (City), 2018 ONCA 601
- Paul v. Madawaska Valley (Township), 2022 ONCA 444
- Larizza v. Royal Bank of Canada, 2018 ONCA 632

Memberships and recognition

Professional memberships

- Past member at large, The Advocates Society's Appellate Advocacy Practice Group
- Past member of the Young Advocates' Standing Committee of The Advocates' Society
- Past co-editor of the Friends Who Argue Podcast

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