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Language(s) spoken: English

Bar Admission(s): Nova Scotia, 2001

Legal Assistant(s): [Julie Mutch](#)

Providing legal services through a professional corporation.

Karen works with her clients on a range of issues, including defending professional liability claims, third party liability claims, breach of contract claims, and defamation claims, as well as providing advice on media law issues, specifically online defamation and reputation issues. Her immigration practice includes strategizing with companies working in a wide range of industries on foreign worker recruitment, relocation and retention; advising national and international companies on a variety of issues related to cross-border movement; and assisting individuals in obtaining temporary entrance to Canada, Canadian permanent residence and Canadian citizenship.

Notable decisions Karen has been involved in include:

- Linden Estate v CUMIS Life Insurance Company, 2015 NSCA 20
- Linden Estate v CUMIS Life Insurance Company, 2014 NSSC 115
- Sable Mary Seismic Inc. v Geophysical Service Inc. 2012 NSCA 33
- McIntosh v Isaac Walton Killam-Grace Health Centre 2011 NSSC 260
- McKeough v Miller 2009 NSCC 394
- Sable Mary Seismic Inc. v Geophysical Service Inc. 2008 NSCA 83

Practice Areas

Education

Health

Immigration

Insurance

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Media, Advertising & Marketing

Education & Career

Education

Brunel University, London, England, LLB (honours), 1999

Dalhousie University, BA, 1991

Activities

Member, Canadian Bar Association

Co-chair, Stewart McKelvey students committee, 2016 – 2018

Member, Stewart McKelvey students committee, 2014 – 2018

Member, Ad Idem, Canadian Media Lawyers Association, 2001 – present

Chair, Citizenship & Immigration Law Section, Canadian Bar Association, 2005 – 2007

Vice-chair, Citizenship & Immigration Law Section, Canadian Bar Association, 2004 – 2005

Part-time lecturer, Civil Trial Practice, Dalhousie Law School, 2006

Board member, Ronald McDonald House Atlantic, 2013 – 2017

Board member, Capital Health Research Ethics Board, 2015 – 2017

Mentor, Dalhousie Women and the Law Mentorship Program

Mentor, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Mentorship Program

Member, Nova Scotia Medical-Legal Society

Accolades

Benchmark Canada, local litigation star (Defamation, Media and Entertainment), 2015 – 2016

Benchmark Canada, local litigation star (Defamation, Media and Entertainment, Professional Liability), 2017 – 2018

Lexpert rating: Medical Negligence

Publications

Creator & author, "The Reputation: The Canadian Cyber-Defamation Law blog"

Author, "Privacy Please: Nova Scotia brings in new rules for personal health information". *Doing Business in Atlantic Canada* (Canadian Lawyer Magazine supplement), Fall 2013

Author, Stewart McKelvey's Guide to the *Personal Health Information Act* ("PHIA")

June 01, 2013

Presentations

Panelist on Immigration in the Context of P3 Projects, “Private Players in Public Infrastructure: Construction in the P3 Context”, Canadian Bar Association Construction and Infrastructure Law Conference, October 2018

Co-presenter, “Journalism and the Law (how to write the story without getting sued)”, Atlantic Journalism Awards Workshop, April 2018

Presenter, “Immigration Update – Key Opportunities and Risks for Employers”, Stewart McKelvey In-House Counsel Professional Development Day, April 2017

Presenter, “Point of Impact: The Intersection of Claims and Technology”, Canadian Independent Adjusters Association Annual Conference, September 2016

Presenter, “Documentation Through the Legal Lens”, Labrador Grenfell Health Nursing Webinar, May 2016

Panelist, “Jurisdictional and Choice of Law Issues”, Canadian Media Lawyers Association annual conference, November 2015

Presenter, “Risk Management – Paramedic Litigation in Nova Scotia”, Cape Breton Paramedic Conference, September 2014

Presenter, “Complying with the new *Personal Health Information Act*”, Stewart McKelvey In-House Counsel Professional Development Day, April 2014

Presenter, “Social Media in the Workplace”, Women in Leadership Conference, May 2013

Presenter, “Dealing with Social Media Issues: A Day in the Life of Stews News”, Stewart McKelvey In-House Counsel Professional Development Day, September 2012

Presenter, E&O Loss Control Seminar, Insurance Brokers Association of Nova Scotia (IBANS), October 2010

Presenter, “Commercial Host Liability”, Nova Scotia Insurance Women’s Association (NSIWA), November 2008