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About Karena

With over a decade of experience, Karena focuses on issues in the financial services sector, with an emphasis on disputed and litigated general commercial, financial services, and bankruptcy matters. She represents mortgage lenders, servicers, and other financial institutions in all aspects of mediation and court proceedings, from pre-litigation resolutions through trial and appeal. While Karena's practice centers on contract litigation and enforcement, she also advises clients on broader financial disputes.

Karena's Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- New Jersey Women Lawyers Association

Areas of Focus

Industries: Banking & Financial Institutions; Consumer Financial Services; Financial Services; Mortgage Lending & Servicing

Services: Appellate; Bankruptcy, Workout Strategic Planning & Restructuring; Complex Commercial Litigation ; Financial Services Litigation ; Financial Services Regulatory & Compliance; Litigation & Trial; Mortgage Lending & Servicing Litigation ; Regulatory & Compliance

Experience

- Managed trials as both first and second chair on a wide range of issues arising from financial services, banking, and mortgage disputes.
- Represented a mortgage servicer on appeal where the adversary sought to limit what business records would be admissible to signal compliance with RPAPL 1304, a statutory condition precedent to foreclosure.
- Defended appeal where adversary was seeking to challenge personal jurisdiction, which would have resulted in dismissal of the underlying action and a multi-million-dollar lien loss.
- Defended a commercial landlord against a multi-million-dollar claim for lost profits resulting from a constructive eviction before the New Jersey Superior Court, Hudson Vicinage
- Invalidated the claims of a lead defendant in a putative class action prior to certification, avoiding protracted litigation with multi-million-dollar exposure.
- Defended against borrower demands for injunctive relief and challenges to the validity and enforceability of a series of multi-million-dollar commercial loans and judgments before the Appellate Division, First Department.

Recognition

- *New Jersey Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2017 – 2018, 2022 – 2024
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Medal of Honor

Credentials

Education

Seton Hall University School of Law, JD, 2008

Seton Hall University, BSBA, with honors, 2005

Bar Admissions

New Jersey

New York

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

US Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey

US Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York

US Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of New York

US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York

US District Court for the District of New Jersey

US District Court for the Eastern District of New York

US District Court for the Northern District of New York

Interests

Did you know...

A devoted New Jersey Devils fan, Karena attends as many hockey games as her schedule allows.

Karena is an animal lover, owning a horse, chickens, a dog, and a cat.

Thought Leadership

Press Release

- Hinshaw Expands in Northeast Adding New Jersey Office and Eight Lawyers, Aug 26, 2021