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EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS

Katherine Karl is a Member in Caplin & Drysdale's Exempt Organizations practice group.

Services

Ms. Karl's practice focuses on helping tax-exempt organizations find solutions to legal, risk management, and compliance challenges grounded in both a sophisticated understanding of the tax law and perspective that comes from years serving as in-house counsel to two of the nation's largest charities.

Highlights

Ms. Karl started her legal career at Caplin & Drysdale in 2006, and prior to returning to the firm in 2022, she served as General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer of The Humane Society of the United States. As a member of the HSUS executive team, Ms. Karl shared responsibility for management of a complex global organization while leading teams that worked across the enterprise on matters including litigation, employment, corporate governance, trusts and estates, and tax. Before her position at HSUS, Ms. Karl was the Deputy General Counsel at the American Cancer Society, where she was the primary counsel on tax and public policy advocacy. Ms. Karl has deep experience implementing practical legal solutions as well as addressing the public relations, governance, and culture challenges that often accompany legal problems.

While in-house, Ms. Karl maintained her connection to the broader exempt organizations community by regularly speaking at national and regional conferences and staying active with the Association of Corporate Counsel National Capital Region Nonprofit and Associations Committee.

Admissions & Education

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

New York

EDUCATION

J.D., Yale Law School, 2005, *Yale Law Journal*, *Yale Law & Policy Review*

B.A., Cornell University, 1999, *magna cum laude*, with distinction in all subjects

Recognitions & Noteworthy

HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

- Outstanding In-House Counsel Award, American Bar Association, Nonprofit Organizations Committee, 2021
- Top 50 Corporate Counsel, OnCon Icon Award, 2021
- Washington, D.C.'s Top Corporate Counsel, Trending 40, 2016

Government Service

Law Clerk, Honorable Stephen C. Robinson, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

Legislative Aide, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Office of Senator Edward M. Kennedy

Newsroom & Publications

NEWS

Caplin & Drysdale Welcomes Back Katherine Karl Former General Counsel of the Humane Society of the United States

Caplin & Drysdal, 03.31.2022

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Meghan Biss and Katherine Karl Analyze Role of Nonprofit CFO at ACC Nonprofits and Associations Conference Virtual, 05.05.2022

Katherine Karl Explores Election Year Challenges for Exempt Organizations at Georgetown Law Conference Grand Hyatt Washington, D.C., 04.28.2022

Katherine Karl Speaks at TEGE Exempt Organizations Council Practitioner Roundtable 03.04.2022

Katherine Karl Addressed Governance in Times of Crisis at UT School of Law 39th Annual Nonprofit Organizations Institute 01.13.2022

Katherine Karl Speaks on Advocacy Issues for Charitable Organizations at Georgetown Law Conference 04.23.2021

Katherine Karl Moderates Panel on Broker Relationships at ACC Nonprofits & Associations Committee Roundtable Series 04.21.2021

Katherine Karl Speaks on Governance and Fiduciary Issues During a Crisis at University of Texas School of Law 38th Annual Nonprofit Organizations Institute

01.20.2021

