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PRACTICES

Toxic Tort

Product Liability

Environmental Law

Commercial Litigation and Arbitration

Asbestos

Legionnaires' Disease

Karen Cullinane

PARTNER

EXPERIENCE

Karen Cullinane focuses her practice on complex asbestos litigation, toxic tort matters, mass torts, product liability cases, and general commercial litigation. Karen represents national and international entities including chemical, manufacturing, and mining companies. Her legal experience includes successful precedent-setting motion practice ranging from precluding evidence and dismissing cases on dispositive motions to obtaining directed verdicts on punitive damages.

With a practice spanning pre-trial discovery, jury selection, trials, post-trial briefings, and appellate advocacy, Karen has a detail-oriented approach to litigation but takes a global and comprehensive view of defense strategy. She works to choose and develop consensus-based tactics and approaches to defense, and to resolve immediate legal needs with an eye on minimizing legal spending and achieving each client's long-term business goals.

Before entering private practice, Karen gained additional experience as a Governmental Affairs legal intern with the New York City Council Legislative Division, and later as a Criminal Appeals Bureau intern with the Legal Aid Society in Manhattan. While an undergraduate at Wellesley College, Karen was an editorial intern in the History Department of Bedford/St. Martin's Press.

HONORS & AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch* — Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, 2021-22

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- New York

EDUCATION

- The University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 2011
  - *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*: Contributing Editor
  - UMich Child Advocacy Law Clinic
- Wellesley College, B.A., cum laude, 2005
  - National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-American
  - Pre-Law Society: Vice President
- Bedford/St. Martin's Press Editorial Intern

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- New York City Bar Association

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PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

PUBLICATIONS

- Contributor, Goldberg Segalla's *Environmental Law Monitor*: read Karen's blog posts here
- Contributor, Goldberg Segalla's *Asbestos Case Tracker* blog: read Karen's blog posts here
- "Does EtO's Recent Regulatory Battle Victory Mean It Will Win the War?," *The Brief Case*, September 2025
- "In SF Water Case, Justices Signal How Loper May Be Applied," *Law360*, November 13, 2024
- Quoted in "The Ongoing Battle Over EtO," *EHS Daily Advisor*, September 12, 2023
- "New York – Cumulative Impacts Environmental Bill Signed," *CLM Magazine News and Updates*, January/February 2023
- "How Energy Usage Is Driving Lawmakers' Crypto Concerns," *Law360,* March 8, 2022
- "Microplastics: The Looming Challenges, Pitfalls, and Uncertainties Facing the Regulated Community and Beyond," (Co-Author), DRI *For the Defense*, June 2021
- "How EtO Plants Can Avoid Lawsuits, Cope With Stricter Regulation," (Author), *Medical Design & Outsourcing*, March 1, 2021
- "What to Expect From NJ Enviro Justice Rulemaking," (Co-Author), *Law360*, January 6, 2021
- "Beirut Blast Shows Need To Review Ammonium Nitrate Regs," *Law360*, October 15, 2020
- "Protecting Anonymous Expression: The Internet's Role in Washington State's Public Disclosure Laws and the Direct Democracy Process," *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*, August 2011

PRESENTATIONS

- "When Looks CAN Kill: An Update on Evolving Toxic Beauty Product Lawsuits & Regulations," Forum for Environmental & Toxic Tort Issues (FETTI), September 21-23, 2022
- "Cryptocurrency Mining: A Virtual Concept with Very Real Environmental Effects," Perrin Environmental Risk & PFAS Litigation Conference, June 14, 2022
- "Renewable Energy and Bitcoin Mining: Applicable Regulations, Utilizing Renewable Resources, Key Issues for Counsel," Strafford CLE, May 4, 2022
- "Ethylene Oxide (EtO) Update," Emerging Risks CE/CLE, March 15, 2022
- "Emerging Trends in Asbestos Litigation," New York Asbestos Litigation Conference, New York, NY, December 11, 2019

WEBINARS

- "A Legislative Look at Legionnaires': An Update on NY & NJ Legionella-Related Regulatory Requirements," (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, January 22, 2026
- "Legionnaires' Disease: Science, Litigation Risks and Mitigation Considerations," (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, December 11, 2024
- "Ethylene Oxide: Purifying Product or Perilous Poison? A New Wave of Environmental and Toxic Tort Claims," (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, February 22, 2022

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- "Legionnaires' Disease: Science, Litigation Risks, and Mitigation Considerations," (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, June 1, 2021
- "Legionnaires' Disease: Science, Litigation Risks, and Mitigation Considerations," (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, March 24, 2021
- "Effective Discovery Strategies to Uncover Hidden Truths in Asbestos Bankruptcy Trust Proof of Claims," GS Webinar Series, March 12, 2020