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Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Business
- Employment Litigation
- Class Actions
- Construction Law
- Product Liability

Industry Sectors

- Aviation
- Real Estate & Construction

Education

- University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2014
- University of Washington, B.A., 2010

Bar Admissions

- Washington
- Oregon

Affiliations

Washington Bar Association

Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Association

Defense Research Institute

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity

Awards & Honors

- Best Lawyers in America "Ones to Watch" 2024 and 2025
- Washington Super Lawyers "Rising Star" 2024

Karl's practice involves counseling and representing clients in a wide range of litigation matters including contract disputes, business torts, product liability, real property, construction, property management, medical malpractice, medical device, liquor liability-dram shop, employment/independent contractor litigation, wrongful death, personal injury, premises liability, and maritime and admiralty. He also regularly provides corporate guidance and counseling on issues regarding risk management, broker and independent contractor agreements, indemnification, fee disputes, and contract drafting, review, and negotiation. Karl handles all phases of litigation in both state and federal court, from initial investigations to trial, and also advocates for clients at the appellate level.

Karl has successfully represented business entities regarding alleged breaches of contract, tortious interference with contractual or prospective economic relations, consumer protection and unfair business practices, wrongful termination, commercial and residential lease disputes, wage and commission disputes, breach of fiduciary duties, intentional and negligent misrepresentation, fraud, civil conspiracy, conversion, statutory violations, and various land disputes. His clients have included technology companies, transportation entities, property management companies and owners, medical providers, medical device manufacturers, general product manufacturers, general contractors and subcontractors, landowners, insurance carriers, food and beverage establishments, utility companies, and governmental entities including the State of Washington. Karl's experience representing a diverse set of clients and significant industry knowledge gives him the ability to efficiently address the particular needs attendant to each matter.

Karl received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Illinois College of Law and his bachelor's degree in law, societies and justice from the University of Washington. At Illinois Law, Karl made the National Team for the Frederick Green Moot Court Competition and was an editor for the Journal of Law, Technology & Policy. He received the CALI Award for counseling, fact negotiation, and interviewing and honors in legal research. Karl was a judicial intern during law school to former Chief United States District Judge Jose L. Linares of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Experience

Obtained early dismissal for broker entities in a case alleging negligence in contract procurement.

Secured a favorable resolution for foreign equipment manufacturing company client seeking damages for breach of contract and unjust enrichment.

Obtained a defense verdict after successfully moving to dismiss certain claims prior to trial in a property dispute involving claims of adverse possession, quiet title, trespass, and injunctive relief.

Secured summary judgment dismissal for a medical device manufacturer of a spinal device regarding a manufacturing defect claim. Successfully moved to exclude the plaintiff's chemical engineer's opinions in their entirety and the only expert relevant to causation. Prevailed in opposition to plaintiff's motions to exclude the client's medical and regulatory experts.

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Secured summary judgment dismissal for the largest U.S. provider in perfusion services in multi-party litigation involving a hospital, surgeons, anesthesiologist, medical clinic, and technician. Involved issues pertaining to the cross-section of religion and medicine regarding robotics surgery and blood loss machinery.

Secured dismissal of all claims against Snohomish County, Washington, stemming from the 2014 Oso landslide resulting in 43 deaths and destruction of a community in northern Washington. The plaintiffs whose claims against the county centered on an alleged failure to warn of the potential for a dangerous landslide agreed to dismiss those claims (reserving the right to appeal) after the court ruled in the county's favor on several pre-trial motions.

Secured early dismissal of multiple claims brought against a neurovascular medical device manufacturer, including punitive damages under California law.

Obtained an arbitration defense verdict on behalf of a construction operations company.

Obtained summary judgment dismissal regarding maritime breach of contract and wage claims under the Jones Act. Awarded fees and costs from the trial court.

Obtained dismissal of claims asserted against an insurance carrier regarding alleged failure to compensate a third-party agent for commissions.

Obtained dismissal of claims asserted against a global event management and marketing company relating to a machinery incident at a convention center.

Secured dismissal of claims against an insurance carrier regarding alleged tortious interference with business expectancy.

Defended a medical transport company regarding alleged negligence claims.

Prosecuted breach of contract-related claims arising from cryptocurrency operations.

Prosecuted breach of contract claims regarding a documentary film production.

Prosecuted flood loss and construction-related claims regarding a historic mansion.

Defended a textile manufacturer regarding alleged commission claims.

Defended a product specification developer regarding an intraoral medical device. Involved claims regarding California Department of Health licensing.

Defended an international exporter in agricultural products. Involved issues pertaining to international subrogation from a foreign entity and the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards.

Defended the general contractor of a Division I college sports stadium regarding alleged *Stute* claims.

Defended a contractor against building remodel claims regarding contractor licensing, defect and delay, fraudulent inducement, and the Consumer Protection Act.

Defended Washington State/Washington State Department of Transportation relating to alleged negligence claims for a construction zone.

Defended governmental entities against claims relating to civil detention/mental disorders.

Defended a water service association regarding alleged defects and faulty conditions.

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Defended a general contractor regarding alleged defects in hydronic piping and insulation at a major water research facility.

Defended a general contractor against claims for alleged workplace safety deficiencies for a Downtown Seattle construction project.

Defended fitness facilities in the Pacific Northwest regarding premises liability claims.