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Kara is a Director in Preti Flaherty's Real Estate and Finance and Corporate and M&A practice groups and focuses on affordable housing, general business, commercial real estate, and securities regulation from the firm's Concord, NH office. She works on a variety of matters in the areas of corporate finance and governance, general business counseling, and the finance and development of commercial real estate. In the affordable housing arena, Kara works with multi-family and senior housing project developers, state and federal financing agencies, commercial lenders and local housing authorities on the acquisition, development and financing of affordable housing facilities. Kara holds a certification from the National Development Council as a Rental Housing Development Finance Professional. She is also a member of the firm's Management Committee.

Prior to practicing law, Kara held management positions in resort operations at two Vermont ski resorts. She resides in Bow, New Hampshire, with her husband and sons.

Admissions

- New Hampshire
- Vermont
- New York
- Maine

Education

- Middlebury College (B.A., 1995)
- Vermont Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 2002)
 - Dean's Fellow, Legal Writing Department
 - Editor, Vermont Law Review
 - Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court Team, Member and Team Captain

Professional Activities

- Fellow, American College of Mortgage Attorneys
- Maine State Bar Association
- New Hampshire State Bar Association

Services

- [Affordable Housing](#)
- [Banking and Financial Services](#)
- [Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy](#)
- [Corporate and M&A](#)
- [Mergers & Acquisitions](#)
- [Real Estate and Finance](#)
- [Resort Services](#)
- [Securities](#)

- Vermont State Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

Honors & Recognition

- Recognized as a "Rising Star" by *New England Super Lawyers*
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*
 - 2021 and 2023 Lawyer of the Year, Corporate Law (Concord, NH)

Civic and Charitable Activities

- Northern New England Housing Investment Fund, Board of Directors
- Impact New Hampshire Fund, Investment Committee
- Board of Trustees, YMCA Camp Belknap, Tuftonboro, NH
- Board of Directors, Evernorth

Publications

- Co-Author, Mineral Reactions in a Colorado Mine Dump: Implications for Remediation in Arid and Semi-Arid Environments, presented at 1995 National Meeting of the American Society of Surface Mining and Reclamation, Gillette, WY, 1995
- Author, Minerology and Geochemistry of Acid Mine Drainage in Two Geologic Regions of Colorado, presented at Vermont Geological Society Annual Meeting, 1995
- Symposium Editor of the Vermont Law Review's Fall 2002 Symposium, Mountain Resorts, Ecology & the Law
- Author, Takings Jurisprudence and Constitutional Challenges to Ridgeline Zoning in Vermont: What's on the Horizon?, Vermont Law Review, Fall 2001
- Co-Author, Conducting Ethical Internal Investigations: Considerations for Corporate Counsel, New Hampshire Bar Journal, Spring 2012, Volume 53, Number 1