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*"I understand that estate planning is a personal matter to each client. A well-written estate plan reflects the client's philosophy and personal situation. My goal is to provide high quality legal services with honesty, integrity, and an emphasis on service."*

Karen Hansen practices in the areas of estate planning and probate and trust administration and is chair of the firm's Estate Planning and Administration section. She has concentrated her legal career in this area for over 25 years. Karen has worked with thousands of individuals, families and businesses in estate planning, business succession planning, and implementation of the estate plan after the death of a client. Her specialty is designing and tailoring estate plans to meet the individual needs and goals of her clients and their families.

Karen works closely with the other members of her estate planning team: Wendy Brekken, Barbara Kristiansson, Jana Quast, Cindi Contreras, Tricia Cinker and Callie Johnson.

Karen meets with clients in both the Felhaber Minneapolis and St. Paul law offices.

### Practice Areas

- [Estate Planning and Administration](#)
  - Estate Planning
  - Probate and Trust Administration
  - Estate Tax and Gift Tax Matters
  - Legacy and Charitable Planning
  - Business Succession Planning
  - Cabin Agreements
  - Supplemental and Special Needs Trusts
  - Family Conflict Avoidance and Resolution

### Education

- J.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1980
- B.A., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1976

### Bar Admission

- Minnesota, 1981
- Wisconsin, 1991

### Legal Publications

- Estate Planning Chapter in the book: *Mapping Your Retirement*, 2007
- Back to Basics: Top Strategies for Philanthropic Planning in a Down Economy, *The Journal of Gift Planning*, June 2009

## Speaking Engagements

- Frequent speaker on estate planning and charitable giving, including the 2010 estate tax laws and the continuing changes in estate tax laws and estate administration
- Speaker at the 2009 Minnesota Planned Giving Council

## Community Activities

### Current

- St. Croix River Association, Board of Directors
- FamilyMeans, Social Service Agency serving Stillwater, Washington County and Western Wisconsin, Board of Directors
- St. Paul Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Professional Advisors Committee
- St. Croix Valley Foundation, Marketing and Branding Committee
- Frequent volunteer in community activities

### Past

- St. Croix Valley Community Foundation, Vice Chair of Foundation, Chair of Board of Affairs Committee, Executive Committee, Board of Directors
- Partnership Plan, Minnesota non-profit organization whose mission is to raise money for local public schools, Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Officer
- MYR, LLC, Minnesota non-profit organization whose mission is helping people, families, the workplace and society prepare for productive retirement, Board of Directors
- Stillwater Sunrise Rotary, active member for 16 years

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