

Karin Dryhurst, Commercial Litigator, Joins Jenner & Block's Financial Litigation, Class Action and Payments Practices in Washington, DC

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WASHINGTON, DC – April 28, 2026: Jenner & Block is pleased to announce that Karin Dryhurst has joined the firm as a Partner in its Washington, DC office, where she will be a key member of the Financial Litigation, Class Action, and Payments Practices.

Karin is a commercial litigator with over a decade of experience defending class actions, government-facing litigation, and consumer protection disputes on behalf of banks, credit unions, mortgage and student loan servicers, and fintech and payments companies. Her practice regularly involves matters with significant regulatory scrutiny, institutional risk, and public visibility — the kind of high-stakes, reputationally significant litigation where Jenner attorneys are top of market and in high demand as fearless advocates.

“Karin is a natural fit for our firm and our clients as a highly skilled and versatile commercial litigator,” said Co-Managing Partners Ishan Bhabha and Randy Mehrberg. “Her command of class action defense, consumer protection litigation, and multi-regulator investigations deepens our commercial litigation bench in DC, reinforces existing firmwide strengths, and expands Jenner’s capacity to deliver the level of strategic counsel and fearless advocacy that our clients expect.”

Karin has built a distinguished track record in class action defense, including fraud-based claims and anti-discrimination claims under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA) and the Fair Housing Act (FHA). She has achieved repeated success striking class allegations at the motion-to-dismiss stage, including a precedent-setting decision before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Karin’s experience representing clients against the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Department of Justice (DOJ), and multiple state attorneys general also gives her distinctive insight into how enforcement agencies approach and coordinate complex matters.

“Karin's government enforcement and class action defense experience positions her to deliver immediate value for clients facing a dynamic enforcement and litigation environment,” said

Washington, DC Office Managing Partner Lindsay Harrison. "Karin's addition to our team reinforces our commitment to clients in their most consequential legal and regulatory matters," added Financial Litigation Co-Chair Megan Poetzel.

Karin joins Jenner from an AmLaw 50 firm where she was a partner in the government and regulatory litigation group. Earlier in her career, she clerked for the Honorable Harris L Hartz on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

"I have long admired the strength of Jenner & Block's DC office, along with its fearless reputation for strategic counsel and high stakes litigation," said Karin. "I look forward to bringing that same level of service and commitment to the matters that are most consequential to a wide array of clients."

Karin holds a JD, *cum laude*, from New York University School of Law and a BA in Journalism and Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Karin is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and in New York.

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