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Karen Platt (plæt) is a partner in Pryor Cashman's Family Law Group, where her practice focuses on negotiating and litigating a broad range of divorce and family law issues.

Karen's extensive experience includes:

- Finding creative solutions for complex asset distribution.
- Navigating spousal and child support issues, including understanding each party's true income.
- Creating custody arrangements across a broad range of family dynamics.
- Negotiating prenuptial agreements that empower the parties and help them start their marriage with a clear understanding of their finances.
- Crafting cohabitation and post-nuptial agreements designed to meet a variety of client needs.

In addition to her extensive work inside the courtroom, Karen is a trained mediator and collaborative lawyer, applying the skills learned through that work in all aspects of her practice.

Prior to and during law school, Karen worked in the financial industry as a registered representative at a major investment company; her background in that industry has given her insight into the understanding her client's investments and deferred income streams.

Services

- Family Law
- Private Client
- Litigation

Education

- New York Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1999)
 - Chief Notes and Comments Editor, Journal of Human Rights
- Pennsylvania State University (B.S., *with distinction*, 1993)
 - Honors in Psychology as a member of the University Scholars Program (now Schreyer Honors College)

Recognition

- Named a leading attorney in Family Law by *Best Lawyers in America* (2012-26)
- Named to the *Super Lawyers – New York Metro* list in Family Law (2014-25)

- Recognized as a top attorney in Family Law by *Best Lawyers in America* (2026)

Community

- Chair of the Hoboken Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Former member, Board of Trustees of the Friends of Hoboken Charter School

Admissions

- New York
- U.S. Supreme Court

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Section of Family Law, Vice Chair; Member of Diversity, Finance, and Sponsorship Committees; Past Co-Chair of Continuing Legal Education Committee; Past Chair of Marital Property Committee
- New York State Bar Association, Section on Family Law
- New York Women's Bar Association, member of LGBTQIA+ committee

Publications

- *Transgender Youth in the Context of Custody Conflicts*, *New York Law Journal* (July 2024)
- *Practical Legal Name and Gender Change Process Guidance for Transgender Minors in New York*, *New York Law Journal* (May 2024)

Publications

July 26, 2024

Platt Writes About Transgender Youth in Custody Disputes

New York Law Journal

May 17, 2024

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