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Kara regularly handles a variety of criminal and civil matters on behalf of Fortune 500 entities, corporate executives, and foreign defendants, among others. Her matters have involved allegations of illegal gaming, securities fraud, health care fraud, tax fraud, antitrust offenses, environmental offenses, and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations, among others.

Kara has significant experience briefing trial and appellate matters before the U.S. Courts of Appeals, the U.S. Supreme Court, federal district courts, and the Illinois Appellate Court. She is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court, Illinois, California, and D.C. Bars, and she is admitted to practice in the Seventh Circuit and the Northern District of Illinois, and the District of Columbia.

She earned her undergraduate degree, *summa cum laude*, from Dartmouth College in 2006, double majoring in international relations and environmental studies. In 2010, she earned her J.D. from Stanford Law School, as well as a masters in Latin American studies. She is fully proficient in Spanish and proficient in reading and writing in Portuguese. While at Stanford, she served as a symposium editor of the *Stanford Law Review*, where she received multiple awards for her service. She also worked as a constitutional and international law research assistant to Stanford Law School Dean Jenny Martinez. After law school, Kara served as a law clerk to then Chief Judge Bruce D. Black of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico and to the Honorable Edward L. Chavez of the New Mexico Supreme Court.

Experience

Represented an individual under criminal investigation by the Special Counsel's Office. After extensive meetings with the Special Counsel, it decided not to pursue charges against our client.

Represented CEO of publicly traded health care company at trial and sentencing in \$85 million health care fraud scheme. Our advocacy at sentencing convinced the judge to sentence the client to 36 months in prison, where the court found the applicable sentencing guidelines range was 121-151 months imprisonment.

Defended the founder of a well-known internet gambling site against federal felony charges with exposure of up to 20 years imprisonment. Ultimately, prosecutors dropped the felony charges in exchange for a guilty plea on a misdemeanor charge, resulting in a sentence of unsupervised probation and payment of a fine. The client also was able to reacquire a domain name that had been forfeited during the course of the prosecution. The resolution of the matter was covered by Forbes magazine here: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/nathanvardi/2017/07/14/former-online-gambling-billionaire-calvin-ayre-pleads-guilty-to-misdemeanor-charge/#367c047c53e3>

Advised gaming companies on compliance issues and business opportunities for sports relating to the Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Murphy v. NCAA* (2018).

Recently completed a six-month secondment with AB InBev's Global Compliance Team, where she conducted internal investigations, led witness interviews, led a major project to draft and update the

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation
- Health Care
- Litigation
- Securities Litigation & SEC Enforcement
- White Collar Defense & Investigations

Education

- Stanford University Law School, J.D., 2010
- Stanford University, M.A., 2010
- Dartmouth College, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2006

Bar Admissions

- California
- Illinois
- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court -- District of Columbia

Affiliations

American Bar Association

ACLU of Northern Illinois, Next Generation Society Member

American Constitution Society, D.C. Chapter, Board Member

Illinois State Bar Association

Justice Council of Northwestern Law School, Board Member

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Women of Dartmouth, Leadership Team Member

Awards & Honors

- American Constitution Society, Stanford Law School Chapter, Programming Award 2010
- Dartmouth College, Rufus Choate Scholar
- Dartmouth College, Downey Family Prize in Environmental Studies (honoring top

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Environmental Studies student)

- Environmental Studies Honors Thesis: The International Politics of Rainforest Management
- Washington, D.C., Super Lawyers "Rising Star," 2018 - 2019
- 2017 Cozen O'Connor D.C. Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award
- 2014 Seventh Circuit Bar Association Pro Bono and Public Service Award
- Stanford Law School, Pro Bono Distinction
- Stanford Law Review Vol. 62 Special Service Award
- Stanford Law Review Vol. 62 Symposium Committee Award for Exceptional Commitment

company's compliance policies, and gained familiarity with AB InBev's award-winning compliance data analytics platform, BrewRIGHT.

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