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By WTLN Member Amy Rogers

Karen Blau is a partner at Parker Lipman LLP working on a variety of civil cases including personal injury, sexual assault, premises liability, wrongful death and medical malpractice. Karen is passionate and experienced, working tirelessly to come up with strategic and creative solutions to help clients who have been harmed by the negligent acts of others.

Karen is an active member of the legal community serving as a member of the Executive Council of the Colorado Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division and as a co-chair of the New Lawyers Division of the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association. She is also a member of the American Association for Justice. She is licensed to practice law in Arizona, in Colorado and in New Mexico.

Prior to joining the firm, Karen clerked at the Second Judicial District Court for the Honorable Edward Bronfin. During her time at the court, she had the opportunity to clerk in the civil, criminal, and domestic rotations. While in the civil rotation, Karen witnessed numerous jury trials where she gained insight into how jurors view facts, parties, attorneys, and how they reach verdicts.

Born and raised in California, at the age of seventeen, Karen moved to Israel to enlist in the Israel Defense Force. There she served for two years reaching the rank of sergeant in the Field Artillery

Division. She was the youngest ranked and only female to receive the 61 St Annual Israel Independence Day Grant for her service. Upon discharge from the military, Karen returned to California where she attended the University of California, Berkeley and graduated with a bachelor's in psychology. Thereafter, she continued to University of California, Hastings College of the Law. While in law school, Karen held a summer externship in Washington D.C. at the Office of General Counsel at Homeland Security in Technology Programs Law Division. She was an Executive Editor of the journal Constitutional Law Quarterly, and a coach and member of Hastings' nationally ranked Moot Court Team.

After law school, Karen seized the wonderful opportunity to clerk in the great state of Colorado. During her free time Karen enjoys traveling with her husband and playing with her dogs.

QUOTE ON BEING A WOMAN TRIAL ATTORNEY: "I believe: "you get bees with honey!" I am often asked if that strategy works given the litigious and combative nature of our industry, and my answer is always yes. I find that being kind does not underestimate my knowledge, my experience, and my skill in the practice of law. In fact, I find it gives me more credibility, success, and, sometimes even, referrals from defense counsel."

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- *Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2023.*
- *The National Trial Lawyers Top Trial Lawyer 40 under 40, 2020-2023.*

DID YOU KNOW: The one thing that surprises people is that I was in the Israel Defense Force where I served as a Sergeant in the artillery division, instructing lieutenants and high ranking officers on how to direct artillery in the field. It was a long time ago, but the military was an incredible experience teaching me discipline, patience, and the value of time.

FOR FUN: I am expecting a baby girl in February, so I will be enjoying my free time with her and my husband for the next few months!

BEST CASE: I love working on Candor cases – it has been a process of what feels like restorative justice for most clients who are injured by medical professionals. It also allows for medical professionals to show compassion for their patients who have been hurt. However, my most satisfying case was my first trial! In January 2022, along with Lorraine Parker and our co-counsel, Sam Staritt, we tried a two week product's liability case in Grand Junction. It was a cosmetic procedure gone horribly awry. The jury awarded \$5 million dollars to our Plaintiff. It was the largest verdict in Mesa County ever!