



## Karen J. Dawson

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### EDUCATION

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Mount Allison University, BA (Political Science/History), with first class honours

Dalhousie University, MA (International Relations)

McGill University, LLB/BCL, with great distinction

### BAR ADMISSIONS

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New York, 2003

Alberta, 2011

Co-Head of the firm's Banking and Secured Transactions group, Karen Dawson is a highly knowledgeable, practical and client-service oriented financial services lawyer with extensive experience acting as lead counsel in a wide range of complex domestic and international finance transactions, including corporate lending transactions, asset based lending transactions, reserves based lending arrangements, equipment financings, acquisition financings, project financings and private placements. She also has broad experience working on restructurings (including the establishment of debtor-in-possession financing arrangements and foreclosures), and routinely advises as Canadian counsel in connection with cross-border financing arrangements.

Before joining Bennett Jones, Karen practiced at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP in New York City. While at Pillsbury, she was seconded to Citigroup in New York City for a period of time, where she acted in conjunction with an in-house legal group counselling business personnel on issues related to syndicated loans and guaranties.

Karen is a member of the American Bar Association (Business Law Section), New York State Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.