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Karen Hastie Williams is a graduate of Bates College and the Catholic University School of Law. She was a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and Judge Spottswood W. Robinson III of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. She also served as Chief Counsel to the United States Senate Committee on the Budget, and as Administrator of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy in the Office of Management and Budget. She is currently a retired partner in the Washington law firm of Crowell & Moring LLP where her law practices focuses on public contract law, legislation, and strategic diversity counseling for corporate clients.

Karen is a frequent lecturer on many issues related to public contract law at the Federal, state and local levels. From 1992-93 she served as Chair of the ABA Section of Public Contract Law. Karen is also a member of the National Contract Management Association, the Black Women Lawyers' Association, the National Bar Association, and the Women's Forum of Washington, D.C.

Karen's community activities include service on the Board of Directors of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. She is also a member of the Boards of Trustees of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, of Amherst College, and formerly of the National Cathedral School. She serves as Chair of the Black Student Fund, The BOLD ("Business Opportunities for Leadership Diversity") Initiative, and is a former Chair of the Greater Washington Research Center. From October, 2000 through September, 2003, Karen served with distinction as a Public Life Member of the Internal Revenue Oversight Board appointed by the President of the United States.

Karen serves currently as a member of the Boards of Directors of the Chubb Corporation, Continental Airlines, Inc., Gannett Company, Inc., Washington Gas Holdings Company, SunTrust Bank, and the Federal National Mortgage Association Foundation.

Publications and Speeches:

- "Role and Responsibilities of Corporate Directors in Post Sarbanes-Oxley World." Panelist for Business Law Section at ABA Annual Convention in Atlanta (August 2004).

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- “Public Service: A Professional Responsibility for Educated Women.” Keynote Speech at Links, Inc. Triennial Convention, Atlanta, Georgia (July 2004).
- “Martin Luther King: A Leader for all Seasons.” MLK Observance Speaker at St. Thomas Synagogue (February 2004).
- The Washington Page: “A Review of Federal and State Y2K Activity.” *The ‘Year 2000 Problem’ Legal Update* (September 1999).
- “Three Major Y2K Legislative Proposals Circulating in Business Community.” *The ‘Year 2000 Problem’ Legal Update* (February 1999).
- “The Y2K Disclosure Law: A Little Goes a Little Way.” *The ‘Year 2000 Problem’ Legal Update* (November 1998).
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