

# Karlin Fitzmorris

ATTORNEY

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## EDUCATION

### **Loyola University New Orleans College of Law**

*Juris Doctor*

2012

### **Southeastern Louisiana University**

*Bachelor of Arts, History*

2009

## BAR ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

### **State of Louisiana**

*United States District Court for Eastern and Middle Districts of Louisiana, United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal*

**Louisiana Legislative Auditor Center for Local Government Excellence, Certificate of Completion**

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/ ASSOCIATIONS

- *Member, Louisiana State Bar Association*
- *Member, 22nd JDC Bar Association*
- *Member, Louisiana Eastern District Bar Association*
- *Member, Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit*
- *Fellow, Louisiana Bar Foundation*

## ABOUT

**Karlin Fitzmorris** has over a decade of experience representing and serving in high-level roles in local government. She served as the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of St. Tammany Parish Government, the St. Tammany Parish Council Administrator, and Assistant District Attorney – Civil Division where she represented the parish in litigation and claims as well as represented the Parish Council, Planning and Zoning Commissions, and fire, recreation, levee, drainage, and similar local taxing districts.

## CORE PRACTICE AREAS

### **Government and Municipal Law**

Advises local governments, including the **Town of Abita Springs**, councils, boards, and special districts on governance, ordinance and code drafting, public meetings compliance, procurement, ethics, and intergovernmental relations. Serves as trusted counsel to elected officials and senior leadership on legislative process, policy development, and complex operational matters.

### **Land Use, Regulatory & Public Infrastructure**

Counsels governmental entities on land use, zoning, planning and development, utilities, public works, facilities management, and public health matters. Provides legal support for public infrastructure projects, regulatory compliance, permitting, and public contracting.

### **Public Sector Risk Management & Litigation**

Oversees public sector litigation and claims, including coordination of in-house and outside counsel, litigation funding, and risk management strategy. Advises on employment, labor, and HR related issues, aligning legal risk management with organizational and budgetary priorities.



## COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

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Karlin is actively involved in St. Jane de Chantal Catholic Church where she serves as an Assistant Catechist to a cute and curious group of fourth graders at St. Jane's Parish School of Religion. She remains active with her sorority, Theta Phi Alpha, both locally and nationally, where she is a member of the local alumni association as well as a National Officer serving on the National Bylaw Rewrite Committee since 2020. She has previously served as a member and Secretary of the Board of Trustees for the YMCA of Greater New Orleans, as well as an alternate member on behalf of the Parish President on the Safe Haven Advisory Board, St. Tammany Parish Opioid Task Force, and St. Tammany Parish Home Rule Charter Advisory Committee. She is currently working on creating a new foundation to support shelter pets in St. Tammany Parish.

## BEYOND THE OFFICE

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Outside the courtroom, Karlin enjoys travelling anywhere and everywhere she can, and is a certified travel advisor known for creating amazing itineraries for friends and family. Karlin and her husband have four children, two rescue dogs, two hermit crabs, and an unknown number of fish, snails, and shrimp.

## Estate Planning

Guides individuals and families through the process of protecting their assets, planning for incapacity, and ensuring their wishes are carried out with clarity and precision. Drawing on the firm's comprehensive estate planning services, she helps clients develop customized strategies that may include wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and other essential planning tools designed to preserve wealth, minimize uncertainty, and provide peace of mind for future generations. Karlin's approach emphasizes understanding each client's unique goals and circumstances, allowing her to craft tailored plans that not only address legal and financial considerations but also safeguard what matters most—their loved ones and legacy.

## Land Use

Karlin represents clients across a wide range of property-related matters, from residential and commercial disputes to complex land use and development issues. Drawing on the firm's depth in areas such as leasing, property management, and homeowners and condominium association matters, she provides strategic, results-driven counsel tailored to each client's specific needs. Karlin also has experience navigating issues involving zoning, property rights, and premises-related claims, allowing her to effectively advocate for clients in both routine and high-stakes real estate disputes. Her approach focuses on delivering practical solutions while protecting her clients' interests in every phase of real estate ownership, management, and litigation.

## NOTABLE PROJECTS:

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- *Created and catalogued Parish code of ordinances*
- *Managed Parish Unified Development Code Rewrite*
- *Administered Parish Government's Blight Reduction Program*