

# Executive Profile



## KARYN POLAK DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

For over a decade, Karyn Polak has provided strategic business counsel for the banking, brokerage, and asset management business lines of top-ten financial institutions, supporting C-suite executives in accelerating growth and managing risk, including by building and leading exceptional teams. She also has over a decade of top law firm experience in corporate finance, securities, and M&A.

Karyn is Deputy General Counsel for PNC Bank, National Association, responsible for the Asset Management Group (AMG), one of PNC's three main business lines. She has been with PNC Legal since 2011. Karyn's team of 18 professionals includes lawyers and paralegals supporting AMG's Wealth Management, Institutional Asset Management, Hawthorn multi-family office, PNC Capital Advisors, and PNC Realty Investors businesses.

Karyn came to PNC from Citigroup, Inc., where she most recently served as General Counsel for its Morgan Stanley Smith Barney joint venture. Prior to that role, Karyn held a number of legal positions at Citi, including General Counsel and Managing Director for the Citi Private Bank; General Counsel and Managing Director for Citi Investment Research; and Managing Director for the Institutional Clients Group. In private practice prior to Citi, Karyn was a corporate associate covering capital markets, corporate reporting, and mergers and acquisitions at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Rogers & Wells (now Clifford Chance), and Jones Day in New York City.

Karyn is on the Board of Directors and Governance Committee and is the Corporate Secretary of Philabundance, the region's largest hunger relief organization. She is also a Board member of the Economy League of Greater Philadelphia; co-chair of the The National Women's Law Center Leadership Advisory Council; and a member of The Forum of Executive Women, the Women's In-House Counsel Leadership Institute (WIHCL), and Impact100. She participates in financial industry, Bar association, and women's initiative groups to address legal issues as well as diversity, leadership, and law firm/department management matters and has spoken extensively on these topics. Before moving to Philadelphia, she was a member of the New York City Bar's Women in Law Committee. In 2009-2010, Karyn completed the Coro Leadership New York program, a year-long civic engagement program for public, private, and government sector professionals.

### Title

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### Corporate & Community Leadership

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Karyn earned a J.D. cum laude from Boston University School of Law and a B.A. from Washington University. She is admitted to the NY Bar and for in-house practice with the PA Bar.