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## Judge Profile



**Karen Grande**

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Karen Grande is a partner at the law firm of Locke Lord LLP. For more than 30 years, Karen has served as bond counsel to cities and towns as well as to many state, regional and municipal agencies which finance public projects including school projects, health care and higher education facilities, public water supply and wastewater projects, recreational facilities and economic development projects. Karen has served as bond counsel on various redevelopment bonds and tax increment financings and has done a significant amount of legislative drafting. She has developed experience relating to finances of distressed communities, and served as counsel to the State in connection with the Chapter 9 Bankruptcy of the City of Central Falls.

She has been a frequent speaker and writer on public finance subjects. Karen is a Regular Fellow of the American College of Bond Counsel (the only member from Rhode Island) and a Fellow of the Rhode Island Bar Foundation. She was named the Best Lawyers' 2015 Providence Public Finance "Lawyer of the Year." She has also been listed in both *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Public Finance Law as well as a Rhode Island [Super Lawyer](#) by *Thomson Reuters*. She has an AV (Preeminent) Rating from Martindale Hubbell. Karen also serves on the Boards of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra & Music School and GrowSmart Rhode Island. She has recently become a certified SCUBA diver.