

IN MEMORIAM: ALICE KAREN HILL

The Energy Bar lost one of its most beloved members on May 13, 2015, with the passing of Alice (call her Karen) Hill. Karen set the gold standard for combining professional accomplishment at the highest level with personal warmth and zest for living.

A graduate of University of Iowa and University of Houston Bates College of Law, where she was an editor of the Law Review, Karen began her career at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in 1980, where she served in the Solicitor's Office and as legal assistant to Chairman Martha Hesse. She worked in private practice with Morgan Lewis & Bockius and Swidler & Berlin, headed the Washington office for Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (1990-1997), and rose to Vice President, Regulatory Affairs for the American Gas Association (1997-2002) and Vice President, Federal Regulatory Affairs, at Exelon Corporation.

Karen was unmatched in her devotion to those in need and was a powerful advocate for women in all walks of life. She served on the Board of My Sister's Place, a shelter for women in need of safe haven. She organized "The Power of the Purse," a key fundraising event for the shelter, and made it one of Washington's must-attend social events, combining her instinct for helping those in need with her love of a good party. Karen also served on the Board of the Charitable Foundation of the Energy Bar Association, helping that organization to its feet in its formative years. In addition, she was a member of the Foundation of the Energy Law Journal and served on the Board of Directors of the Energy Bar Association.

A terrific writer, a skilled appellate advocate, and an effective presence in every professional setting, Karen's unique skill was to turn her colleagues into genuine friends, leaving every one of us better people for knowing her. Self-effacing to a fault, funny, the most empathetic of friends, and the life of every party, Karen will be sorely missed.

She is survived by her sisters, son and daughter, Lance Hill and Caryn Dashukewich, and four grandchildren, to whom she was devoted.