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Karen Clanton is a senior communications leader with 15+ years of experience and an extensive background that includes executive messaging, writing/storytelling, editing, content creation, production, and project management.

Ms. Clanton shapes messaging and internal communications strategy for Perkins Coie, a leading global law firm consistently ranked as one of Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work For. She earned the Perkins Coie Award of Excellence for her role in transforming the intranet into a socially engaging site that fosters community and engagement through strong content, clean design, and interactive features. She develops and executes comprehensive strategic communications plans for significant initiatives in Technology, Human Resources and Finance. Ms. Clanton was responsible for executive messaging when the firm elected a new Managing Partner for the first time in nearly 30 years.

Ms. Clanton began her career writing for research publications focused on federal securities law. She became Managing Editor for the product line featuring content of stock exchanges and self-regulatory organizations. As Managing Editor, she led an editorial and production team, managed licensing agreements, interfaced with marketing and sales teams and reported financial performance to senior management. During her tenure, Ms. Clanton became a certified project manager in the company's management program and was honored with an Excellence in Action award for new product development.

Ms. Clanton has led and contributed to multi-faceted editorial projects. With the American Bar Association (ABA), she published a compilation of essays titled *Dear Sisters, Dear Daughters: Words of Wisdom from Multicultural Women Attorneys Who've Been There and Done That*. Ms. Clanton served as Reporter for an ABA commission examining diversity in the legal profession and became a trained interviewer to document two oral histories for the Women Trailblazers in the Law Project. She has served on the editorial boards of the *CBA Record*, *Business Law Today* and *Perspectives* magazines.

Ms. Clanton is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and has served on the Board of Managers for the Chicago Bar Association (CBA) and on the Board of Directors for the Public Interest Law Initiative. She chaired the ABA Multicultural Women Attorneys Network and co-chaired the CBA Alliance for Women.

A native of Rochester, New York, Ms. Clanton received her B.A. from Georgetown University, studied Literature for one year at King's College, University of London, and earned her J.D. from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. She recently completed a certificate in Change Leadership from Cornell University.