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With over 25 years of legal and business experience, Karen is a seasoned, mission-focused leader with a unique blend of government and private sector expertise spanning early-stage startups to established companies. She brings critical and strategic legal, regulatory, acquisition, and policy leadership, having built scalable legal and compliance operations throughout her career. Her experience includes a strong track record of developing and executing strategic corporate initiatives that transition U.S. Government contracts such as Small Business Innovation Research awards, Other Transaction Agreements and other USG contract vehicles into programs of record to accelerate business growth.

Karen's contributions have been formally recognized by the National Security Council, the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, and the Intelligence Community, underscoring her impact on space and advanced technology legal initiatives. Karen played a key role in drafting the U.S. Commercial Remote Sensing (CRS) Space Policy signed by President George W. Bush which, coupled with her drafting of the U.S.' CRS regulations, significantly advanced the commercial imagery sector and facilitated the acceptance of commercial imagery globally, making it ubiquitous as an expected part of our everyday lives.

Before joining LeoLabs, Karen served as Chief Legal Officer at Rebellion Defense and was the first Chief Legal Officer at SAILDRONE Inc., an innovative, advanced technology company in autonomous ocean data collection. Her previous experience includes being a Founding Partner of SLG | The Space Law Group and serving as General Counsel for PlanetiQ and Global Weather and Climate Solutions Inc. She has also worked with Booz Allen Hamilton, leading legal and policy initiatives for advanced technology and commercial remote sensing in support of the Warfighter and the Intelligence Community. Finally, she has served as the Satellite Programs General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Senior Intellectual Property Attorney for the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Karen holds a BA in French Studies and Chemistry from Northwestern University and a JD from The George Washington University's National Law Center, focusing on intellectual property.

