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Karen Dunn has moved between politics and law for most of her career. After clerking in the D.C. Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court, she worked on President Barack Obama's 2008 campaign and served in the White House Counsel's office. In 2010, she was hired as a federal prosecutor in Virginia—only to leave two years later when the Obama campaign asked her to help with debate prep. At Boies Schiller—Dunn's first foray into the private sector—her practice focuses on civil and criminal litigation and crisis management. Dunn said she encourages law students she speaks to not to fear a "nonlinear" career trajectory. "You get to take all of these different experiences and bring them together for the benefit of your client," she said.

—Zoe Tillman

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