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Karl R. Rábago is the Executive Director of the Pace Energy and Climate Center, at the Pace University School of Law in White Plains, New York. Pace is actively involved in every aspect of the New York REV—Reforming the Energy Vision—proceeding, in their own right and on behalf of the Clean Energy Organizations Coalition. Pace is also a public interest intervenor in rate cases and other key proceedings before the New York Public Service Commission.

Karl is also co-director of the Northeast Solar Energy Market Coalition (NESEMC), a US DOE SunShot Initiative Project that works to harmonize solar market policy in the 9-state northeast region, by creating a novel coalition of solar business associations in the region.

Karl has more than 25 years experience in energy and climate policy and markets. He is recognized as an innovator in electric utility regulatory issues relating to clean energy services and technologies. Karl serves as Chair of the Board of the Center for Resource Solutions, a San Francisco-based non-governmental organization that works to advance voluntary clean energy markets. He also sits on the Board of the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC).

Karl also runs his own successful consulting practice, Rábago Energy LLC. His past positions include Commissioner, Texas Public Utility Commission; Deputy Assistant Secretary at the US Department of Energy; Vice President of Distributed Energy Services at Austin Energy, the municipal utility for the City of Austin, Texas; Director of Regulatory Affairs for the AES Corporation and AES Wind; Energy Program Manager for the Environmental Defense Fund, and Managing Director & Principal of the Rocky Mountain Institute.

A graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Business Management, Karl is an attorney (University of Texas Law School, J.D. with Honors) with post-doctorate degrees in environmental (LL.M., Pace University School of Law) and military law (LL.M., US Army Judge Advocate General's School). A veteran of more than 12 years in the US Army, he served as an Armored Cavalry officer and member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps, and is Airborne and Ranger qualified.

Karl has been married to Pamela Houston Rábago for more than 35 years, and they are the proud parents of three grown children, one amazing granddaughter—Avery Victoria Rábago, and a brand new grandson—Jonathan Richard Pollack.