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Karen Bauer is a consumer protection attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee. She has been working on student loan debt issues for over a decade. Ms. Bauer has authored articles on student loan repayment, and regularly trains other attorneys on ways to manage their educational debt. As a first-generation college graduate, she has personal experience with the challenges of navigating student loan repayment, owing over \$150,000 herself. Her first-hand knowledge of the difficulty in paying for her own education makes her particularly well-suited to advise her clients and others on these issues.

Ms. Bauer holds a paralegal degree from Milwaukee Area Technical College, a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee and a law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School. She is a member of the National Association of Consumer Advocates, the State Bar of Wisconsin, and the Association for Women Lawyers. She sits on the State Bar’s Board of Governors, and is a Fellow of both the Wisconsin Law Foundation and the American Bar Foundation.