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Karen Friedman is the executive director of the Pension Rights Center (PRC), a national consumer organization that works exclusively to promote and protect the retirement income security of workers, retirees and their families. In this role, she runs the day-to-day operations of PRC and helps shape and implement public policy and strategies to improve the nation's retirement income programs and to provide a creative voice in finding innovative solutions to challenging retirement problems. Friedman regularly represents the perspective of workers and retirees on Capitol Hill and in the media. She has written op-eds for such publications as the *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsweek*, *The Hill* and *The Plain Dealer*; has been quoted in major publications, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Business Week* and the *Chicago Tribune*; and has been featured on programs on CNN, National Public Radio, *PBS Nightly Business Report* and *Good Morning America*. Friedman led the Center's "Pension Promises Initiative," which worked with a diverse array of stakeholders and grassroots activists to advocate for a solution to the multiemployer crisis. She is the co-coordinator of the Initiative on Women and Retirement at Divorce, a PRC common ground project to address problems that women face when seeking to obtain court-awarded shares of their former spouses' retirement benefits at divorce. Friedman, a graduate of Georgetown University, was named one of the top 40 Influencers of Pension Policy by *Institutional Investor* magazine and is a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance.