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Keren Raz is committed to building the infrastructure and establishing the legal foundations that social entrepreneurs need to implement their pattern-breaking visions. She currently serves as an Associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP and as SRI Advisor at Apollo Management.

Keren graduated from the University of Arizona in 2005, where she majored with honors in English and political science and minored in Chinese and Spanish. For her leadership in public service, the Arizona Daily Star named her one of the “Top Ten Up-and-Coming Tucsonans Under 25 to Watch.” She also received the Honors College Dean’s Award for Excellence.

While in college, Keren co-founded the Magna Mentoring Project, a nonprofit organization that runs a college and scholarship mentoring program at a low-income high school in Tucson. The first cohort of four Magna Scholars students graduated from high school with more than \$45,000 in scholarships. Over the course of four years, Keren spent most of her time mentoring students and managing 15 college mentors and high school mentees. She also designed the strategy and developed the implementation and sustainability plan for the program. The curriculum recently won the University of Arizona’s top club programming award, and the mentor club and leadership club have doubled in size since their inception.

In the summer of 2004, Keren launched a literacy campaign at a school for the mentally handicapped and the deaf in Puno, Peru. She secured internet access at the local university for deaf students. With a grant from the Foundation for Sustainable Development, she established the school’s first library and bought books for each family.

Prior to law school, Keren worked as a biotechnology writer at the Flinn Foundation, a philanthropic organization that awards grants to nonprofit organizations in Arizona, primarily to improve the competitiveness of the state’s biomedical research enterprise. She then worked as Director of Programs for Youth Re:Action Corps, now New Global Citizens. Youth Re:Action Corp’s mission was to educate, empower, and invest in young people to change the world. As the first staff member hired to support the Executive Director/Founder, Keren designed a year-long program that guided high school students through the process of sustainably solving problems in their communities. She also engaged in the organization’s strategic planning and oversaw program implementation in 12 schools in two states.