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OVERVIEW

Emily blends legal insight, project management, and people-first advocacy to help clients navigate contract disputes with confidence.

Emily is a commercial litigator who helps clients bring order and clarity to the often-chaotic world of contract disputes. She's known for her practical, people-first approach—combining deep legal knowledge with a focus on communication, consistency, and minimizing business disruption.

Clients rely on Emily not just for legal strategy, but also for her ability to lead teams, manage complex projects, and keep business priorities front and center. She guides companies through every stage of litigation—from pre-dispute analysis and negotiation, through discovery, trial, appeal, and alternative resolution—with a steady hand and an eye for creative solutions.

Emily's approach is rooted in clear systems, proactive communication, and a belief that litigation shouldn't derail a company's momentum. Drawing on advanced study in well-being (Yale), artificial intelligence (Vanderbilt), and business fundamentals (Wharton), she integrates modern tools and best practices to drive efficiency and support long-term client goals.

Above all, Emily is committed to being a true partner, helping clients weather uncertainty, safeguard their interests, and keep their businesses moving forward.

Industries

Manufacturing Technology Transportation

Services

Commercial Litigation Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Experience

LITIGATION

- Advised and consulted on practices and procedures for clients across practice areas and industries facing claims in federal court, particularly the Eastern District of Wisconsin.
- Defended client against claims under Wisconsin's minimum-markup law and related to proving up daily gas prices.
- Obtained favorable arbitration awards for nationwide client facing consumer breach of contract claims.
- Advised clients making changes in dealer, distributor, and sales representative relationships, including litigating cases arising under relationship terminations laws, such as the Wisconsin Fair Dealership Law.
- Defended client against complex and multi-million dollar breach of contract claim, arising from multifaceted business transaction and financial advisor agreement.
- Defended client against breach of trust claims and negotiated favorable settlement.
- Managed sophisticated and sizeable document collection, review, and production in large breach of contract case.

CONTRACT REVIEW AND COUNSELING

- Negotiated contract termination between family-owned Wisconsin business and SaaS provider.
- Reviewed and provided strategy for adjusting contract terms and potential termination of agreement between manufacturer and IT service provider.
- Researched and advised on options for addressing breach of real estate broker agreement and potential claims against mortgage corporations.

PRO BONO

• Successfully challenged conditions of confinement at Wisconsin's juvenile prison.

Experience

- Obtained favorable jury verdict for defamation against Sandy Hook conspiracy theorist;
 affirmed in all aspects on appeal.
- Created end of life documents for first responders and other public servants through Wisconsin's Wills For Heroes Program.

Recognition

- The Best Lawyers in America®
 - o Commercial Litigation, 2026
- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America
 - o Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2021-2025
 - o Commercial Litigation, 2021-2025
- Corporate Counsel, Women, Influence & Power in Law, Mental Health & Well Being Initiative, 2024
- BizTimes Milwaukee
 - Rising Stars in Law, 2022
- Wisconsin Super Lawyers
 - o Rising Star, 2021-2023
- Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission, Wisconsin Pro Bono Honor Society, 2016-2019
- Wisconsin Law Foundation, Fellow, 2023

Education

- J.D., University of Mississippi School of Law
 - o Mississippi Law Journal, Editor-in-Chief
 - o magna cum laude
- B.A., Wake Forest University
 - o cum laude

Admissions

- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

Clerkships

- Hon. Pamela Pepper, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- Hon. Pamela Pepper, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

Community Leadership

Before beginning her legal career, Emily served as a Corps Member with Teach for America, teaching fifth grade in rural Arizona, outside of Phoenix.

Emily now maintains an active pro bono practice, including creating end of life documents for first responders and other civil servants through Wisconsin's Wills for Heroes Program. She also accepts pro bono appointments in prisoner litigation, and her past significant cases have included challenging confinement conditions at Wisconsin's only juvenile prison and obtaining a favorable jury verdict for defamation damages against a Sandy Hook conspiracy theorist.



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