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OVERVIEW

Clients facing litigation rely on Emily's eye for detail and her ability to navigate the intricate discovery process of complex commercial litigation.

Emily works with clients across a broad spectrum of industries; however, much of her current practice focuses on insurance regulatory law, insurance coverage, and insurance disputes, and she has assisted in representing insurance receivers in several states. She also handles various commercial litigation matters, including breach of contract and product liability claims, and she performs extensive eDiscovery work, handling client discovery management from preservation efforts to identification and collection of client data. She particularly enjoys challenging cases that require creativity, patience, and intricate strategies—the more complicated a problem, the more excited Emily is to help find a resolution.

Early in her legal career, Emily discovered a passion for discovery work and joined Husch Blackwell's eDiscovery Solutions team. She knows cases are often won or lost in the discovery phase, and she knows how important well-managed discovery is to clients, both to help build their cases and to protect their information. Emily has taken a central role in eDiscovery work for major cases requiring extensive discovery, strategically steering the firm's technological processes.

Known for her empathy and listening skills, Emily previously served as a social work case manager, guiding a caseload of more than a dozen families in identifying and connecting with needed resources and implementing medical treatment plans. Her prior career taught her how to listen

Industry

Financial Services & Capital Markets

Services

Commercial Litigation
eDiscovery Solutions
Insurance
Insurance Regulatory
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
Professional Liability Litigation

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and how to meet clients where they are: Emily knows how deeply stressful litigation is, and she is eager for clients to feel fully supported. She prioritizes keeping clients informed and ensuring that litigation strategies align with their business interests.

Experience

- Successfully represented and helped secure settlement worth nearly $10 million on behalf of our client, a state insurance commissioner, in his capacity as the liquidator of an insolvent insurer.
- Routinely provide guidance on multiple issues to court-appointed rehabilitator and liquidator in carrying out court-ordered liquidation.
- Successfully defended national manufacturer in product liability lawsuit and secured favorable verdict in client's favor.
- Successfully represented an insurance carrier in contribution action for longtail property damage; secured favorable settlement.

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Commercial Litigation, 2027
- Missouri Bar Pro Bono Wall of Fame, 2021

Education

- J.D., University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law
    - *UMKC Law Review Board*, Submissions and Symposia Editor
    - Phi Delta Phi Honors Society
    - Federal Bar Association Student Division, President
    - Pro Bono Public Service Honors
- B.A., University of Colorado
    - Sociology

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Admissions

- Missouri
- Kansas

Community Leadership

Emily assists several Kansas City area animal welfare groups with pet placements and marketing efforts. As the proud owner of two rescue dogs, Emily is particularly passionate about working with smaller, grassroots organizations. Since 2019, she has volunteered with several nonprofit rescues to help local animals find forever homes.

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