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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

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Experience

COMPLEX COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

- Led federal trial team through contested discovery, multiple rounds of mediation, 35+ depositions, dispositive motions, and all pre-trial activities (including week-long mock trial and final pre-trial conference) in trade secret dispute, ultimately securing favorable settlement for start-up client (on eve of trial).
- Defended client in high-stakes, multimillion-dollar breach of contract dispute involving multifaceted business transaction and financial advisor agreement, taking all substantive depositions and securing favorable outcome.
- Represented managed care organization in contract dispute, leading trial strategy through dispositive motions and all discovery, securing favorable outcome after full-day bench trial.
- Successfully defended major local retailer against claims under Wisconsin's minimum-markup law and daily gas pricing rules (including complex evidentiary issues), taking and defending all depositions, and second-chairing jury trial.
- Successfully defended client in proceeding to vacate arbitration award, including half-day evidentiary hearing.

TRIAL EXPERIENCE

- Second-chaired state jury trial, taking two fact witnesses and assisting with favorable settlement before closing arguments.
- Second-chaired federal jury trial, taking all expert witnesses at trial and arguing all trial motions.
- Fourth-chaired state jury trial, taking direct examination of defendant and securing favorable jury verdict, upheld at all stages of appeal.

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Experience

DEALER & DISTRIBUTION RELATIONSHIP DISPUTES

- Counseled clients on restructuring dealer, distributor, and sales representative relationships; litigated and resolved disputes under state relationship termination laws, including the Wisconsin Fair Dealership Law.

CONSUMER & MASS DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Achieved favorable arbitration awards for nationwide client facing thousands of consumer breach of contract claims, managing 500+ notices of dispute, minimizing exposure, and protecting brand reputation.

CONTRACT COUNSELING & STRATEGIC NEGOTIATIONS

- Negotiated successful termination of SaaS contract for family-owned Wisconsin business, safeguarding client interests and business continuity.
- Provided strategic counsel on contract adjustments and exit strategies for manufacturers and IT service providers, minimizing legal risk and disruption.
- Counseled client through complex family business and trust dispute, organizing cross-functional team and deadlines, and offering daily guidance on high-stakes litigation and business issues.

DISCOVERY & E-DISCOVERY MANAGEMENT

- Directed large-scale electronic discovery in complex commercial litigation, including litigation holds, document collection and review, and productions, ensuring compliance and efficiency.

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Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America®*
  - Commercial Litigation, 2026 and 2027
- *Milwaukee Business Journal*, 40 Under 40, 2026
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2021-2025
  - 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
  - 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
  - *Mississippi Law Journal*, Editor-in-Chief
  - *magna cum laude*
- B.A., Wake Forest University
  - *cum laude*

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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 launching her legal career, Emily served as a corps member with Teach For America, teaching fifth grade in rural Arizona. This formative experience outside Phoenix instilled in her a lifelong dedication to public service and educational equity.

As a partner at Husch Blackwell, Emily maintains a robust pro bono practice. She volunteers with Wisconsin's Wills for Heroes Program, where she creates end-of-life documents for first responders and civil servants. Emily also accepts court appointments in prisoner civil rights litigation, advocating for dignity and fair treatment for incarcerated individuals. Her significant pro bono cases include challenging unconstitutional confinement conditions at Wisconsin's only juvenile prison and securing a favorable jury verdict for defamation damages against a Sandy Hook conspiracy theorist. In this work, she protects the rights of those harmed by misinformation.

Emily's leadership extends beyond her legal work: she is recognized for building bridges between the legal profession and the community, mentoring young lawyers, and championing access to justice for all.

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