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Education:

- J.D., South Texas College of Law Houston, 2014
- B.A., English, Texas A&M University, 2011

Admitted to Practice

- Texas, 2014

Professional Honors and Affiliations

- AV Peer Review Preeminent ® Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory
- *Lawyer Monthly,* Women in Law Award, Wills and Probate, 2020
- "Super Lawyers" Rising Stars, *Thomson Reuters,* 2021-2024
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Ones to Watch, 2021-2025
- President, Texas Aggie Bar Association, 2021
- Member, Texas Probate Law American Inn of Court
- Member, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)
- Member, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) Texas Chapter
- Member, Houston Bar Association
- Member, Houston Young Lawyers Association
- Member, Texas Bar College

Emily's work is a client-focused practice involving estate planning, disability planning, elder law, and probate and trust administration. Emily builds relationships with clients leading them through their estate planning, including planning for loved ones with disabilities, through their own potential retirement and long-term care. She then guides the family, after the client's demise, through the probate and estate administration process, easing the family's mind by simplifying the post-mortem challenges.

Trust and Estate Planning

- Counsel and represent clients in achieving their testamentary goals by preparing and executing wills and trusts.
- Prepare supplemental needs trusts including counseling clients in joining pooled trusts both during the client's lifetime or as a testamentary gift after death.
- Counsel clients and prepare wills and trusts with charitable beneficiaries.
- Counsel clients regarding the availability and use of ABLE accounts.
- Counsel clients regarding their lifetime planning including preparing and seeing through to execution of various ancillary documents including powers of attorney, HIPAA Releases, declarations of guardians (for adults and minors), and directives to physicians (living wills).

Long-Term Care Planning

- Provide resources and guidance in long-term care planning including asset protection, gifting consequences, and eligibility for means-tested government benefits.
- Represents clients in applying and pursuing long-term care Medicaid in their homes, assisted living communities, and nursing communities.
- Counsel clients regarding vulnerability to and avoidance of the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program.
- Counsel clients in protecting their estates and estates of their loved ones from the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program.

Probate

- Represents applicants, affiants, executors, and administrators in many counties in various types of court-ordered estate administration including independent administration, dependent administration, muniments of title, heirship judgments, declaratory judgments, and small estate affidavits.
- Prepare family settlement agreements in the representation of beneficiaries, executors, and administrators.
- Represents clients in pursuing withdrawals of claims from the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program.

Estate Administration

- Represents clients in the administration of various trusts upon termination.
- Represents beneficiaries and trustees in family settlement agreements.

Publications

- "Practical Strategies for Tackling a Medicaid Estate Recovery Program Claim," REPTL Reporter Vol. 57, No. 3, 2019
- Lund, Sherri (Host). "Navigating Wills & Inheritance: Top Tips To Avoid Probate Pitfalls with Emily Taylor" Ep 2. *The Probate Podcast*. [Video Podcast] (June 29, 2023). Retrieved from https://youtu.be/guGiMAGc3Oo.
- "Avocado Toast is the New Bread & Butter: Millennials and 'Sandwich Generation' Members as the Elder Law Client," Texas Young Lawyers Association, 2019