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### PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation, Product Liability, Commercial Litigation and Professional Liability.

### OVERVIEW

Emily Ann Albrecht joined Betts, Patterson & Mines in 2013 as a member of the Defense Litigation Practice Group. Her practice focuses primarily on the areas of mortuary litigation and insurance defense, including motor vehicle liability, professional liability and product liability litigation. Emily's experience includes defending clients ranging from funeral homes, licensed funeral directors and embalmers, to Fortune 500 retailers, manufacturers, and pharmaceutical companies, insurers, and contractors in construction disputes. She regularly appears as local counsel for national complex litigation matters in both state and federal court.

In October of 2017, Emily accepted an invitation to become an Associate Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America.

Emily also serves as preferred counsel for the Washington State Funeral Directors Association.

### REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Represented funeral home, licensed funeral director and embalmer against claims of negligence, tortious interference with a dead body and violation of the Consumer Protection Act. Successfully dismissed Consumer Protection Act claim as a matter of law on partial summary judgment and obtained defense verdict at trial (second chair).
- Defense of a pharmaceutical company in personal injury and wrongful death actions involving extensive discovery and motions practice resulting in dismissal without appeal.
- Secured early and favorable resolution for homeowner's insurer with subrogation claim against third party insurer in contested liability case involving extensive water damage in a multimillion-dollar residence.
- Obtained voluntary dismissal without compensation for fireplace manufacturer against claim of product defect.

### EDUCATION

Seattle University School of Law, J.D., 2013

Georgetown University, B.A. in Government & Psychology, 2009

### ADMISSIONS

Washington State Bar

United States District Court for the Western District of Washington  
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington  
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

#### PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Super Lawyers, “Rising Stars” (2017)

#### PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

##### American Bar Association

- Associate Editor, TYL Editorial Board (2017-2018)
- Member, Litigation Section
  - Member, The Woman Advocate Committee
  - Member, Young Lawyers Division
- Senior Content Editor, Women in the Profession Committee (2016-2017)
- Senior Content Editor, Dispute Resolution Committee (2016-2017)

##### Defense Research Institute

- Member, Professional Liability Committee
- Member, Young Lawyers Committee
- Member, Trial Tactics Committee

##### Federal Bar Association

##### International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association

- Member, Women in Leadership Committee

##### King County Bar Association

##### Litigation Counsel of America

- Associate Fellow

##### National Association of Women Lawyers

- Member, Junior Lawyers

##### Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International

##### Washington Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association

- Member

##### Washington Defense Trial Lawyers

- Member, Pro Bono and Community Outreach Committee
- Member, Women’s Commission

##### Washington State Bar Association

- Member, Trial Advocacy Program Steering Committee (2015-2017)
- Member, Washington Young Lawyer Committee (2017-2020)

##### Washington State Funeral Directors Association

- Preferred Counsel and Associate Member

##### Washington Women Lawyers

#### PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

“**Mortuary Litigation**” presentation given at the 2018 International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association (ICCFA) Convention and Expo in Las Vegas, NV.

“**Steps to Reduce and Avoid Cremation Liability**” presentation given at the 2017 Cremation Strategies Conference in Nashville, TN.

Article, *Next of Kin: When Should You Proceed With Caution?* American Funeral Director (December 2017)

Article, *Ice Ice [Maybe] Baby: Is Egg Freezing All It's Cracked Up to Be?* TYL Magazine (Fall 2017)

Article, *Pulling Back the Curtain – Risk Management Strategies for Dealing with Third-Party Crematories*, American Funeral Director Magazine (October 2017); republished in the December 2017 issues of the Independent Funeral Directors of Florida's association magazine and American & Cemetery & Cremation magazine.

Article, *Avoiding Those Million Dollar Mistakes*, American Cemetery & Cremation Magazine (July 2017)

Article, *Million Dollar Mistakes: Working Backward to Minimize the Risks of Cremation Liability*, American Funeral Director Magazine (July 2017)

Article, *Over My Dead Body: The Elusive Tort of Interference with Human Remains*, NW Lawyer (July/August 2017)

Article, *Going Vogue – The Millennial Evolution of Fashion for the Modern Attorney*, DRI The Whisper (May 2017)

Article, *Setting the Record Straight: How to Save a Deposition When Defending Counsel Fights Dirty*, DRI For The Defense, Trial Tactics Edition (June 2016)

Article, *Keep Calm and Carry On: How to Deal With Dirty Deposition Tactics*, DRI The Whisper (February 2016)