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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.

Emily also serves as General 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" (2017-2018)

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

Associate Editor, TYL Editorial Board (2017-2020)

District Representative for Washington & Oregon, Young Lawyers Division (2018-2020)

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)

Cremation Association of North America

Industry Member

Defense Research Institute

State Membership Chair

Member, Professional Liability Committee

Member, Young Lawyers Committee

Member, Trial Tactics Committee

Federal Bar Association

International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association

Professional Member

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

Associate Member

General Counsel

Washington Women Lawyers

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Article, *A Detailed Analysis of How Funeral Homes Are Complying with the FTC Funeral Rule*, Funeral Service Insider (November 2018)

“Million Dollar Mistakes: Minimizing the Risks of Mortuary Litigation” presentation given at the 2018 New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association (NJSFDA) Convention and Expo in Atlantic City, N.J.

Article, *Every Family’s Worst Nightmare*, American Funeral Director (August 2018)

Article, *Finders Keepers (Squatting’s Cheaper)*, TYL In Focus (June 2018)

Article, *Dead Men Help No Sales*, TYL In Focus (June 2018)

“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 (October 2017); Republished in American & Cemetery & Cremation Magazine and The Independent Reporter (December 2017)

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

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