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## Overview

Emily is a principal in the Hospitality, Travel & Tourism practice, where she works as an alcoholic beverage attorney.

Emily chairs the firm's Commercial, IP & Transactions practice. She counsels wineries, breweries, distilleries, restaurants, hotels and other retailers on liquor licensing, trade practice compliance, distribution issues, contracts, dispute resolution and other liquor-related matters.

She is also the Chair of the Cannabis practice, where she advises licensed producers, processors and retailers, along with those hoping to join the industry. Like alcohol, cannabis is a highly regulated industry. Emily helps clients structure their business entities, contracts and strategic partnerships to ensure compliance with Washington's complex regulatory scheme.

An Oregon native, Emily graduated with honors in History from Whitman College. She then taught second grade in the Mississippi Delta with the Teach for America program.

Emily lives in Ballard with her husband, two daughters and two pugs.

## Areas of Focus

- [Intellectual Property Licensing & Transactions](#)
- [Alcoholic Beverages](#)
- [Business](#)
- [Cannabis](#)
- [Consumer Brands & Goods](#)
- [Food & Beverage](#)
- [Health, Beauty & Wellness](#)

- [High Net Worth & Luxury Law](#)
- [Hospitality, Travel & Tourism](#)
- [Intellectual Property, Privacy & Technology](#)
- [Litigation](#)

## Admissions

- Washington, 2004
- Oregon, 2014
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington, 2009
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington, 2005
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, 2010

## Education

- J.D., University of Washington School of Law, 2004
- B.A., Whitman College (*cum laude*), History, 1999

## Honors & Recognitions

- *Chambers USA* (Nationwide) Leading Individual, Cannabis Law, 2021-present
- *Chambers USA* (Nationwide) Leading Individual, Food & Beverages: Alcohol, 2025
- Forbes America's Best-In-State Lawyers list, Cannabis Law, 2025
- Rising Star, Washington Super Lawyers, 2010; 2016-2017
- *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>
  - Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), 2024-present
  - Leisure and Hospitality Law, 2024-present
- Washington Super Lawyers list, 2020-present
  - Top 50 Women and Top 100 Attorneys, 2024-present

## Clerkships

- Hon. Elaine M. Houghton, Washington State Court of Appeals, Division II

## Professional Activities

- Future of the Law Institute, Past Board Member
- King County Bar Association, Member
- Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association of Seattle, President, 2019
  - Former Vice President
- National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Associate Member

- 2022 Annual Conference, Planning Committee Co-Chair
- University of Washington School of Law, Lecturer, “Special Topics: Hospitality Law”
- Washington Cannabusiness Association, Associate Member
- Washington Lawyers Practice Manual, Past Editor
- Washington Wine Institute, Associate Member
- Washington Women Lawyers, Member

## Community Activities

- Auction of Washington Wines, Past Member of Chairman's Committee
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Past Wine Committee Member

## News & Insights

### Blog Posts

[Washington's LCB Clarifies Legality of Producing Delta-9 THC from Hemp-based CBD - What Cannabis Companies Need to Know](#)

[08.12.21](#)

[WSLCB Allows Restaurants to Deliver Pre-Mixed Cocktails During Pandemic](#)

[05.07.20](#)

[Impact of “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” Order on Washington Wineries, Breweries and Distilleries](#)

[03.24.20](#)

[USDA Releases Proposed Domestic Hemp Regulations: Six Key Takeaways for Licensees](#)

[10.30.19](#)

[What to Expect When You're Entering the Cannabis Business](#)

[07.27.18](#)

[THIS THURSDAY: Oregon Cannabis Business Seminar in Portland!](#)

[05.17.17](#)

[The Love/Hate Relationship Between the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Industries](#)

[05.11.17](#)

[Oregon Cannabis Business Seminar in Portland on May 18!](#)

[05.01.17](#)

[GSB to Host Half-Day Program Focused on Helping Cannabis Businesses Transition to Maturity](#)

[10.28.16](#)

[LCB Updates List of Approved Pesticides](#)

[06.08.16](#)

[Washington State Bar Association's CLE Seminar – "Marijuana Law: Changes in Regulation and Best Practices"](#)

[04.08.16](#)

[Join Us Next Week at the 2016 Cannabis Collaborative Conference in Portland!](#)

[01.28.16](#)

[Tacoma Passes Moratorium on New Retail Stores, Medical Cooperatives](#)

[01.20.16](#)

[Shrinking Buffer Zones? Municipalities Now Have Discretion to Decrease the 1,000 Foot Requirement](#)

[01.20.16](#)

[Swag: What Can Your Hotel Restaurant Accept for Free?](#)

[09.17.15](#)

## News

[Foster Garvey Recognized Among Nation's Top Firms in 2026 Chambers USA Guide: 34 Attorneys and 15 Practices Ranked](#)

[06.04.26](#)

[Emily Harris Gant Recognized Among Global Top 200 Cannabis Lawyers](#)

[09.03.25](#)

[71 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2026 Best Lawyers in America; Paul Trincherro Named 'Lawyer of the Year'](#)

[08.21.25](#)

[Emily Harris Gant Featured in Washington Super Lawyers for Cannabis Industry Work](#)

[08.07.25](#)

[19 Foster Garvey Attorneys Named to the 2025 Washington Super Lawyers Lists; Emily Harris Gant Earns Special Recognition](#)

[08.01.25](#)

[Tom Ahearne and Emily Gant: Two of Only 13 Washington Attorneys Named to Forbes 2025 America's Best-In-State Lawyers List](#)

[07.10.25](#)

[Foster Garvey Recognized Among Nation's Top Firms in 2025 Chambers USA Guide; 26 Attorneys and 13 Practices Ranked](#)

[06.05.25](#)

[65 Foster Garvey Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers in America® 2025, Three Named 'Lawyer of the Year'](#)

[08.15.24](#)

[14 Attorneys Named to 2024 Washington Super Lawyers Lists; Emily Gant Featured Among Top Attorneys](#)

[07.31.24](#)

[Foster Garvey Recognized Among Nation's Top Firms in 2024 Chambers USA Guide; 20 Attorneys and 10 Practices Ranked](#)

[06.06.24](#)

[57 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2024 Best Lawyers in America; Two Portland Attorneys Named 'Lawyer of the Year'](#)

[08.17.23](#)

[13 Attorneys Recognized on 2023 Washington Super Lawyers Lists](#)

[07.31.23](#)

[Foster Garvey Receives Honors in 2023 Chambers USA Guide; 21 Attorneys and 10 Practices Featured](#)

[06.01.23](#)

[Emily Gant Quoted in Seattle Times Article on Cannabis-Infused Alcohol](#)

[01.11.23](#)

[Ganjapreneur Features Emily Gant on the Evolution of Cannabis Industry Regulations](#)

[09.07.22](#)

[12 Attorneys Recognized in Washington Super Lawyers for 2022](#)

[07.14.22](#)

[Foster Garvey Recognized Among Nation's Leading Law Firms in 2022 Chambers USA Guide; 21 Attorneys and 10 Practices Featured](#)

[06.01.22](#)

[Emily Harris Gant Named to National Law Journal's 2022 Cannabis Law Trailblazers List](#)

[04.01.22](#)

[11 Attorneys Recognized in Washington Super Lawyers for 2021](#)

[07.15.21](#)

[Foster Garvey Named Among Leading Law Firms in Chambers USA; Three Attorneys Added to Rankings](#)

[05.20.21](#)

[11 Attorneys Named Washington Super Lawyers and Five Named Rising Stars](#)

[07.16.20](#)

[Fleeing a Life of Political Upheaval and Violence in Haiti](#)

[03.01.19](#)

[Emily Harris Gant, Principal at Garvey Schubert Barer, Elected President of the Board of Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association of Seattle](#)

[01.01.19](#)

[Emily Gant Quoted in Travel Weekly on the Risk of Carrying Pot within U.S. airports](#)

[01.15.18](#)

[Emily Gant Quoted in Travel Weekly Regarding Growth of Pot Tourism](#)

[01.07.18](#)

## Events

["Female Voices in Hemp," Sip Forward Roundtable, Sipland & Wims!](#)

[10.22.25](#)

["Key Legal Considerations for Hemp-Derived CBD and THC Beverage Producers," Sovos ShipCompliant](#)

[06.05.25](#)

["Cannabis and Hemp in Flux: Federal Scheduling, State Laws and Market Realities," 28th Annual Wine, Beer & Spirits Law National SuperConference](#)

[06.09.26](#)

["High on Taxes: A Global Ganja Gala," American Bar Association](#)

[04.05.24](#)

["Pouring Over the Law: Wine, Spirits and Beer," Washington State Bar Association](#)

[03.29.24](#)

[California Bottle Bill Webinar: WA Wine Institute](#)

[02.01.24](#)

["Ryan McNeice Law & Entrepreneurship CLE: Starting a Winery," Gonzaga University School of Law](#)

[10.13.23](#)

["Private Labels in a Three-Tier System," National Conference of State Liquor Administrators \(NCSLA\) 2023 Northern/Southern Regional Conference](#)

[09.18.23](#)

["Follow the Money: Is 'this' a Three Tier Problem?" 2023 Annual Conference, National Conference of State Liquor Administrators](#)

[06.13.23](#)

["Intersection of Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis," National Conference of State Liquor Administrators – 2022 Annual Conference](#)

[06.21.22](#)

["The 'Ins and Outs' of Private Label Products," National Conference of State Liquor Administrators' 2021 Annual Conference](#)

[08.29.21](#)

["Cannabis and Hemp: Up in Smoke? How the Hospitality Industry Can Avoid Traps for the Unwary," Hospitality Lawyer's Virtual Hospitality Law Conference](#)

[06.30.20](#)

["Wine in Times of COVID-19: How to Survive and Thrive," Wine Industry COVID-19 Requirements, Relief & Recommendations Webinar](#)

[04.10.20](#)

["Who's Getting Into the Cannabis Industry? The Latest Legalization Efforts; Impact on the Alcohol Beverage Industry," 24th Annual Wine, Beer & Spirits Law](#)

[09.17.19](#)

["Unusual Licensed Premises," NCSLA 2019 Central/Western Regional Conference](#)

[09.08.19](#)

["CBD - New Gold Rush or Regulatory Minefield," The Hospitality Law Conference 2.0 Series - Houston](#)

[04.10.19](#)

["CBD and Hemp: How the 2018 Farm Bill May Impact Alcohol's 3-Tier System," ABA Business Law Section Spring Meeting](#)

[03.29.19](#)

["Mary Janes: The Women of Weed," Eden Labs, Inc.](#)

[05.15.18](#)

["Weed Tourism: What to Know Before Holding Cannabis Functions at Your Premises," HLC Series 2.0 - Houston \(The Hospitality Law Conference\)](#)

[04.12.18](#)

["Hot Topics in Cannabis Law: What You Need to Know About the Federal Government and Washington State," Cannabis Investment Network](#)

[03.28.18](#)

[Growing Up Green: Learning How to Blossom in Oregon's Budding Marketplace](#)

[05.18.17](#)

["Marijuana: The Legalized 'Green Rush' Impacting Insurers and Professionals," Professional Liability Underwriting Society](#)

[10.20.16](#)

["Cannabis Business 101," NORML Legal Seminar](#)

[06.04.16](#)

["Liquor Licensing + Food and Beverage Law," University of Washington School of Law Hospitality and Travel Law Symposium 2016](#)

[04.15.16](#)

["Marijuana Law: Changes in Regulation and Best Practices," WSBA CLE](#)

[04.12.16](#)

["R9 Town Hall on Hotels," Pacific Hospitality Development LLC](#)

[03.08.16](#)

## Legal Alerts

[DOJ Final Order Loosens Rules For Medical Marijuana](#)

[04.24.26](#)

[Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Seeks Feedback on Proposed Rules for Expanded Alcohol Service Areas](#)

[08.08.25](#)

[Comply Before You Try: Washington's Revamped Cannabis Sampling Rules](#)

[04.08.25](#)

[Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Announces New Online Licensing Portal](#)

[03.28.25](#)

[Washington Proposes New Rules to Address Alcohol Merchandising Practices](#)

[03.11.25](#)

[New Direct-to-Consumer Law Permits Shipments of Distilled Spirits, Cider and Mead to New Yorkers](#)

[09.05.24](#)

## Publications

[Five Things to Do If You're Thinking of Selling Your Cannabis Business](#)

[08.19.21](#)

[Protecting the Future of Cannabis Biotechnology](#)

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[What to Expect When You're Entering the Cannabis Business](#)

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