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Emily focuses her practice on commercial real estate and development. Emily represents a full range of the participants in commercial real estate transactions, including developers as well as buyers and vendors of commercial, institutional, and industrial real estate. She frequently acts for developers of residential, retail, and office development projects, from assembly and acquisition of land through the development and subdivision approval process, lease-up, and sale.

Emily advises many clients with respect to municipal and land use planning issues, including the use and development of land and eminent domain.

Experience

Following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

Representative Matters

- Acted for developer in multi-phase redevelopment of shipyard into 85,000 square feet of commercial and community amenity space, entailing purchase and sale agreements, leases, licenses, rights of way, air space parcel agreements, and phased development plans.
- Acted for developers of multi-phase, multi-use projects, office buildings, hotels, industrial properties, and affordable housing projects.
- Acted for developer of \$4 billion project with 6,000 dwelling units, developed in partnership with federal government and First Nation.

Education

Georgia State University College of Law,
JD (2014)

- Certificate in Land Use and Environmental Law
- Merit-Based Land Use Law Award

Georgia Institute of Technology, Master of
City and Regional Planning (2011)

- Specialization in Environmental Planning

Georgia Institute of Technology, BS,
Applied Biology (2008)

Admissions

Georgia

Washington

British Columbia

Practice Areas

[Affordable and Workforce Housing](#)

[Eminent Domain](#)

- Advised clients regarding tax incentives, zoning, comprehensive plans, and preparation of easements and covenants for compliance with governmental entitlements.
- Negotiated and drafted letters of intent, offers to lease, assignments of lease, surrenders of lease, rent abatements, and modifications.
- Negotiated and drafted ground, triple net, shopping center, long-term industrial, and office leases.
- Provided opinions and advice regarding mechanisms for large site development with consideration of local government concessions and financing requirements.
- Represented clients at administrative proceedings such as reconsideration of development permits and rezoning applications.

Languages

- English

Recognitions

The bar rules of some states require that the standards for an attorney's inclusion in certain public accolades or recognitions be provided. When such accolades or recognitions are listed, a hyperlink is provided that leads to a description of the respective selection methodology.

- [The Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch](#), Real Estate Law (2024)

Professional Activities

- Co-chair, B.C. Municipal Law Section, Canadian Bar Association (2018–2021)
- Daniel J. Curtin, Jr. Fellow, Planning and Law Division, American Planning Association (2013–2014)
- Member of Expropriation Committee, British Columbia (2019–2021)

Community

- Director, Vancouver Chamber Choir (2016–2019)

[Commercial Leasing](#)[Real Estate Investment Trusts](#)[Resort & Planned Communities](#)

Articles & Speeches

Insights

Due Diligence Handbook, *The Continuing Legal Education Society of B.C.* - Author (2020–2021)

Events/Speaking Engagements

Meet the Canadian Entrepreneurs & Businesses, Canada Florida Chamber of Commerce - Speaker (May 5, 2022)

Did Someone Say Lawsuit? A “Horror Story” Round-up of Water and Wastewater Cases, B.C. Water and Waste Association - Speaker (2018)

Latecomers Agreements and Extended Services seminar, The Continuing Legal Education Society of B.C. - Speaker (2018)

Regional Growth Strategies: The Southern Perspective, Planning Institute of B.C. - Speaker (2017)

Alerts

[Avoiding Contract Conflicts: Five Key AIA Provisions to Align with Lease Agreements](#), Additional Nelson Mullins Alerts (April 25, 2025)