

Emily Wilbur

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Overview

Emily has represented clients across a variety of industries, including technology, healthcare and retail services. Her broad range of industry experience reflects her ability to handle high-stakes, complex litigation when it matters most for clients.

White collar defense and government investigations require a detail-oriented approach and expedient resolution. Emily's practice is focused on healthcare investigations, with experience conducting internal investigations, investigating Medicare compliance and defending against federal False Claims Act and anti-kickback statute litigation.

Emily's civil litigation work includes breach of contract disputes, trade secret misappropriation, class action defense and intellectual property litigation. Whether defending claims of non-performance or protecting client's proprietary information, she has experience through all phases of litigation, from drafting pleadings to completing arbitration hearings and briefs.

Emily earned her law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law. There, she began her work in the Immigration Law Clinic - representing clients seeking asylum and family-based petitions for status. Emily's commitment to service remains at the heart of her pro bono practice, representing individuals seeking legal status in the United States, through asylum petitions and VAWA claims.

Representative Matters

- Worked with team representing Smartmatic in a defamation lawsuit against Newsmax Inc. Team secured a favorable, confidential settlement the day before trial was set to begin.

- Represented a Fortune Global 500 information technology company in a two-week arbitration involving a breach of a managed services contract with more than $100 million at issue. Successfully narrowed claims in pre-hearing summary judgment by over half. Ultimately secured net seven-figure win for client against Claimant.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of Illinois College of Law, 2023, J.D., *summa cum laude*
  - Order of the Coif
  - Notes Editor, University of Illinois Journal of Law, Technology & Policy
  - Member and Coach, Trial Team
  - Student Attorney, Immigration Law Clinic
  - President, Public Interest Law Foundation
- Niagara University, 2020, B.S. in Political Science and Criminal Justice, *magna cum laude*

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

Awards & Recognition

- Rickert Award for Excellence in Advocacy, Spring 2023
- Rickert Award for Excellence in Service, Spring 2023

News & Insights

- Law360 Mentions Benesch Partner Noelle Torrice and Associate Emily Wilbur in Trade Secrets Dispute Coverage
  September 9, 2026 | Media Mentions
- False Claims Act (FCA) Recent Developments: Constitutional Scrutiny Mounts for Relator-Based Actions
  November 19, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Emily Wilbur mentioned in Crain's Chicago People on the Move
  January 25, 2024 | Media Mentions
- Supreme Court to Weigh in on Scope of Federal Bribery Statute
  January 17, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights

- Benesch Introduces Latest Class of Associates in Chicago Office
  November 30, 2023 | Press Releases