

Emily Harris Gant

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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.

Education

J.D., University of Washington School of Law, 2004

B.A., Whitman College (*cum laude*), History, 1999

Services

Commercial & IP
Transactions
Alcoholic Beverages
Business & Corporate
Finance
Beauty & Wellness
Cannabis
Consumer Brands
Food & Beverage
Hospitality, Travel & Tourism
IP & Technology
Litigation
Luxury Law

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

Clerkships

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

Honors & Recognition

Chambers USA (Nationwide) Leading Individual, Cannabis Law, 2021-present

Chambers USA (Nationwide) Leading Individual, Food & Beverages: Alcohol, 2025

The Best Lawyers in America®

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

Rising Star, Washington Super Lawyers, 2010; 2016-2017

Forbes America's Best-In-State Lawyers list, Cannabis Law, 2025

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

Emily Harris Gant Recognized Among Global Top 200 Cannabis Lawyers

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 9.3.25

71 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2026 Best Lawyers in America; Paul Trinchero Named 'Lawyer of the Year'

8.21.25

Emily Harris Gant Featured in Washington *Super Lawyers* for Cannabis Industry Work

Super Lawyers, 8.7.25

19 Foster Garvey Attorneys Named to the 2025 Washington Super Lawyers Lists; Emily Harris Gant Earns Special Recognition

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.1.25

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

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.10.25

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

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.5.25

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

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.15.24

14 Attorneys Named to 2024 Washington Super Lawyers Lists; Emily Gant Featured Among Top Attorneys

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.31.24

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

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.6.24

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

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.17.23

13 Attorneys Recognized on 2023 Washington Super Lawyers Lists

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.31.23

Foster Garvey Receives Honors in 2023 *Chambers USA* Guide; 21 Attorneys and 10 Practices Featured

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.1.23

Emily Gant Quoted in Seattle Times Article on Cannabis-Infused Alcohol

The Seattle Times, 1.11.23

Ganjapreneur Features Emily Gant on the Evolution of Cannabis Industry Regulations

Ganjapreneur, 9.7.22

12 Attorneys Recognized in Washington Super Lawyers for 2022

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.14.22

Foster Garvey Recognized Among Nation's Leading Law Firms in 2022 *Chambers USA* Guide; 21 Attorneys and 10 Practices Featured

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.1.22

Emily Harris Gant Named to *National Law Journal's* 2022 Cannabis Law Trailblazers List

National Law Journal, 4.1.22

11 Attorneys Recognized in Washington Super Lawyers for 2021

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.15.21

Foster Garvey Named Among Leading Law Firms in *Chambers USA*; Three Attorneys Added to Rankings

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 5.20.21

11 Attorneys Named Washington Super Lawyers and Five Named Rising Stars

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.16.20

Fleeing a Life of Political Upheaval and Violence in Haiti

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 3.19

Emily Harris Gant, Principal at Garvey Schubert Barer, Elected President of the Board of Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association of Seattle

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 1.1.19

Emily Gant Quoted in *Travel Weekly* on the Risk of Carrying Pot within U.S. airports

Travel Weekly, 1.15.18

Emily Gant Quoted in *Travel Weekly* Regarding Growth of Pot Tourism

Travel Weekly, 1.7.18

Speaking Engagements

"Female Voices in Hemp," Sip Forward Roundtable, Sipland & Wims!
Speaking Engagement
10.22.25

"Key Legal Considerations for Hemp-Derived CBD and THC Beverage Producers," Sovos
ShipCompliant
Speaking Engagement
Online, 6.5.25

"Cannabis and Hemp in Flux: Federal Scheduling, State Laws and Market Realities," 28th
Annual Wine, Beer & Spirits Law National SuperConference
Speaking Engagement
Denver, CO, 10.9.24-10.10.24

"High on Taxes: A Global Ganja Gala," American Bar Association
Speaking Engagement
Orlando, FL, 4.5.24

"Pouring Over the Law: Wine, Spirits and Beer," Washington State Bar Association
CLE Webcast
Washington State Bar Association, 3.29.24

California Bottle Bill Webinar: WA Wine Institute
Webinar
2.1.24

"Ryan McNeice Law & Entrepreneurship CLE: Starting a Winery," Gonzaga University School of
Law
CLE
Spokane, WA, 10.13.23

"Private Labels in a Three-Tier System," National Conference of State Liquor Administrators
(NCSLA) 2023 Northern/Southern Regional Conference
Panel Discussion
Memphis, TN, 9.18.23

"Follow the Money: Is 'this' a Three Tier Problem?" 2023 Annual Conference, National
Conference of State Liquor Administrators
Speaking Engagement
Oklahoma City, OK, 6.13.23

"Intersection of Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis," National Conference of State Liquor Administrators - 2022 Annual Conference
Panel Discussion
Overland Park, KS, 6.21.22

"The 'Ins and Outs' of Private Label Products," National Conference of State Liquor Administrators' 2021 Annual Conference
Speaking Engagement
Reno, NV, 8.29.21

"Cannabis and Hemp: Up in Smoke? How the Hospitality Industry Can Avoid Traps for the Unwary," Hospitality Lawyer's Virtual Hospitality Law Conference
Speaking engagement
Virtual Event, 6.30.20

"Wine in Times of COVID-19: How to Survive and Thrive," Wine Industry COVID-19 Requirements, Relief & Recommendations Webinar
Speaking engagement
Virtual Event, 4.10.20

"Who's Getting Into the Cannabis Industry? The Latest Legalization Efforts; Impact on the Alcohol Beverage Industry," 24th Annual Wine, Beer & Spirits Law
Panel discussion
Charlotte, NC, 9.17.19

"Unusual Licensed Premises," NCSLA 2019 Central/Western Regional Conference
Panel Discussion
Portland, OR, National Conference of State Liquor Administrators

"CBD – New Gold Rush or Regulatory Minefield," The Hospitality Law Conference 2.0 Series - Houston
Speaking engagement
Houston, TX, 4.10.19

"CBD and Hemp: How the 2018 Farm Bill May Impact Alcohol's 3-Tier System," ABA Business Law Section Spring Meeting
Panel discussion
Vancouver, BC, 3.29.19

"Mary Janes: The Women of Weed," Eden Labs, Inc.
Sponsorship
Seattle, WA, 5.15.18

"Weed Tourism: What to Know Before Holding Cannabis Functions at Your Premises," HLC Series 2.0 – Houston (The Hospitality Law Conference)
Speaking Engagement
Houston, TX, 4.12.18

"Hot Topics in Cannabis Law: What You Need to Know About the Federal Government and Washington State," Cannabis Investment Network
Speaking engagement
Seattle, WA, 3.28.18

Growing Up Green: Learning How to Blossom in Oregon's Budding Marketplace
Cannabis Business Seminar
Portland, OR, 5.18.17

"Marijuana: The Legalized 'Green Rush' Impacting Insurers and Professionals," Professional Liability Underwriting Society
Speaking Engagement
Seattle, WA, 10.20.16

"Cannabis Business 101," NORML Legal Seminar
Speaking Engagement
Aspen, CO, 6.4.16

"Liquor Licensing + Food and Beverage Law," University of Washington School of Law Hospitality and Travel Law Symposium 2016
Speaking Engagement
Seattle, WA, 4.15.16

"Marijuana Law: Changes in Regulation and Best Practices," WSBA CLE Seminar
Seattle, WA, 4.12.16

"R9 Town Hall on Hotels," Pacific Hospitality Development LLC
Speaking Engagement
Seattle, WA, 3.8.16

Legal Alerts

Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Seeks Feedback on Proposed Rules for Expanded Alcohol Service Areas
8.8.25

Comply Before You Try: Washington's Revamped Cannabis Sampling Rules
4.8.25

Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Announces New Online Licensing Portal
3.28.25

Washington Proposes New Rules to Address Alcohol Merchandising Practices
3.11.25

New Direct-to-Consumer Law Permits Shipments of Distilled Spirits, Cider and Mead to New
Yorkers
9.5.24

Publications

Five Things to Do If You're Thinking of Selling Your Cannabis Business
Cannabis Business Executive, 8.19.21

Protecting the Future of Cannabis Biotechnology
Cannabis Business Executive, 5.6.20

What to Expect When You're Entering the Cannabis Business
Puget Sound Business Journal, 7.27.18