Emily Silkowski

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Emily is a litigator with experience in cases involving a diverse range of claims. Her understanding of procedural law in both state and federal courts helps the firm's trial teams navigate their cases toward the best possible outcomes.

OVERVIEW

Emily works closely with colleagues across the firm's litigation teams to handle complex disputes involving a variety of claims, including employment law, breach of contract and warranty, consumer protection law, and cybersecurity. She represents clients in an array of sectors, such as higher education and consumer financial services. Emily's experience spans cases involving student and faculty terminations, employment noncompete/solicitation, the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), and others.

Emily is involved throughout the lifecycle of a case, managing all aspects of discovery and pre-trial strategy, including extensive hands-on work during discovery, such as helping to prepare witnesses for depositions, working with expert witnesses, and preparing pre-trial dispositive and discovery motions. A common thread throughout Emily's work is her understanding of the procedural aspects of the case, which helps clients optimize their positioning and impact the overall trajectory of the case. She is particularly experienced with procedural law in the state and federal courts of New Jersey.

Emily's robust pro bono practice is focused on immigration. She represents clients before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) and immigration courts. Emily has experience representing clients in removal proceedings, particularly in defensive asylum proceedings and matters involving Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS). Additionally, she co-authored an amicus brief for an immigration case before the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and serves as the Princeton office's pro bono ambassador.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Representing colleges, universities, and secondary schools in complex lawsuits in NJ, NY, and PA, including claims brought by individual faculty members and students. Cases involved a range of claims involving the dismissal of faculty and students, and a claim under the Child Victims Act.
- Defending a cyber monitoring company in a case brought by an insurance carrier in state court, alleging the company failed to detect and stop a ransomware attack.

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TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Educational Institutions
- Litigation + Trial

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board member, French-American Chamber of Commerce (Philadelphia Chapter), (2023-2024)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Student attorney, Immigrant Rights Clinic, Washington and Lee University School of Law, August 2021 – May 2022
- Judicial intern for Hon. Judge Esther Salas, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, June 2020 – August 2020
- Intern for Hon. Judge William J. McGovern III, Superior Court of New Jersey – Morris Sussex Vicinage, 2018

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Washington and Lee University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2022
- Seton Hall University, B.S., *summa cum laude*, 2019

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

LANGUAGES

- French
- Russian