

## Emily Harris Gant

Principal

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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  
Business & Corporate  
Finance  
Beauty & Wellness  
Cannabis  
Consumer Brands  
Food & Beverage  
Hospitality, Travel & Tourism  
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

*The Best Lawyers in America*®

Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), 2024

Leisure and Hospitality Law, 2024

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

Washington Super Lawyers list, 2020-present

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

## 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

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

"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

## **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