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Areas of Practice

Commercial & Complex Litigation

Appellate

Bar Admissions

Nevada

California

Education

- Juris Doctor, University of California, Davis, School of Law, 2022 (Order of the Coif)
- Master's Degree in Public Administration, Government Track, Seattle University, 2019
- Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, English Literature and Theatre Arts, Beloit College, WI, 2010

Emily Dennis is a litigation attorney in McDonald Carano's Las Vegas office. Before joining McDonald Carano, Emily served as a law clerk for the Honorable Kristina Pickering of the Nevada Supreme Court.

Emily attended UC Davis School of Law, and clerked for the Office of the Federal Public Defender of the Eastern District of California (Capital Habeas Unit); the Office of the Alameda County Public Defender (Felony Unit, Law & Motions); and the Office of the Contra Costa County Public Defender (Juvenile Defense Unit). She served in the school's Civil Rights Clinic, co-authoring briefs before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals which resulted in a published opinion (*Chambers v. Herrera, et al*, No. [20-55004](#) (9th Cir. Aug. 15, 2023)), and the Wage Claim & Unemployment Insurance Clinic.

Emily was also a Senior Online Editor of the *UC Davis Law Review*, the IL Competition Co-Chair of the Moot Court Honors Board, an Academic Success Tutor for First-Year Criminal Law and Property Law, and a member of the Lambda Law Students Association for LGBTQIA+ students and allies. She earned seven Witkin/Reynoso Awards for Academic Excellence (highest class grade) and one Reynoso Award for Academic Achievement (second highest class grade). Before starting her legal career, Emily worked in retail management and nonprofit fundraising, served two AmeriCorps terms, and acted in local theater productions.

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys
- Member, Clark County Bar Association

Publications

- *Aim Higher: Expanding Procedural Protections at Intake for California Youth*, 55 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 2659 (2022)

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Honors & Recognitions

- Order of the Coif
- Pro Bono & Public Service Program Certificates

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