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Areas of Expertise

- [Government and Public Sector](#)
- [Transportation and Logistics](#)
- [Technology](#)
- [Energy](#)
- [Disputes](#)
- [Privacy and Data Security Disputes](#)
- [Corporate and Commercial Disputes](#)
- [Class Action Defence](#)
- [Risk Management and Crisis Response](#)

Emily MacKinnon is a skilled litigator with over a decade of experience in high-stakes litigation and arbitration. She is a trusted advisor and a veteran strategist. A sophisticated legal thinker and an exceptional oral advocate, Emily has argued at the Supreme Court of Canada and at all levels of court in British Columbia, Manitoba, Alberta, and Ontario.

Adept at identifying the crux of an issue, Emily provides practical advice to help her clients navigate thorny commercial disputes. She excels in matters involving complex statutory and contractual schemes. Her wide experience includes successfully defending class actions, construction disputes, and contract and tort cases. She has argued a wide variety of appeals with issues ranging from defamation to shareholder disputes, constitutional law, and trusts.

Emily is a leader in the community. She sits on the board of directors of Vancouver Opera, the National Self-Represented Litigants' Project, and the UBC Allard School of Law Alumni Association. Emily maintains an active *pro bono* practice, and she is an adjunct professor at UBC. She also works as a legal officer for the Canadian Forces Reserves.

Emily received her JD from the University of British Columbia in 2012, where she graduated as the gold medalist and as a Wesbrook Scholar. Following her graduation from law school, she clerked at the Supreme Court of Canada for Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin.

Awards and Recognition

- **Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business:** Recognized in Litigation: General Commercial (British Columbia)
- **Lexpert Rising Stars:** Recognized as a Rising Star (2021)
- **Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory:** Recognized in Litigation – Corporate Commercial

- **Best Lawyers:** Recognized as “One to Watch” in Corporate and Commercial Litigation
 - The University of British Columbia Young Alumna Award 2014
 - University of British Columbia Wesbrook Scholar 2012
 - Law Society of British Columbia Gold Medal, University of British Columbia 2012
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Community Involvement

- Canadian Forces Reserves, Legal Officer
 - University of British Columbia Allard School of Law Alumni Association, Treasurer
 - Vancouver Opera, Trustee and Board Member
 - National Self-Represented Litigants Project, Board Member
 - Adjunct Professor, University of British Columbia
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Credentials

Education

- University of British Columbia, J.D.
 - University of British Columbia, MA
 - University of Ottawa, BMus
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Languages

- English
 - Italian
 - French
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Professional Affiliations

- Law Society of British Columbia
- Law Society of Ontario
- Canadian Bar Association
- Advocates’ Society
- Vancouver Bar Association