

## Emily C. Palacios

### SERVICE AREAS

#### Business

- Real Estate
  - Construction
  - Leasing

#### Litigation + Trial

- Appeals
- Commercial Transactions Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Litigation + Trial Practice Overview

### EDUCATION

- University of Michigan Law School, J.D.
- University of Michigan, M.U.P., A.B.

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Michigan

### COURT ADMISSIONS

#### U.S. Court of Appeals

- 6th District

#### U.S. District Court

- Eastern District of Michigan
- Western District of Michigan
- Northern District of Ohio



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Emily C. Palacios focuses her practice on litigation in state and federal court, arbitration, and appellate advocacy. She also has significant experience in drafting and litigating commercial leases, drafting professional design service agreements, land use and zoning matters, and construction contracts. Her active matters typically include commercial disputes, loan enforcement actions, including judicial foreclosures, receiverships, and guaranty actions, real estate and leasing matters, land use, zoning, and construction matters, and the defense of consumer claims against lenders and other businesses.

*"I treat my clients' issues as if they were my own. I take care to learn what my client's desired end-result is, and then focus on achieving that result in an efficient and effective manner."*

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Prior to joining Miller Canfield, Emily served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Cornelia G. Kennedy at the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

### EXPERIENCE

Emily regularly defends consumer claims against banks and other businesses. These matters often arise from consumer financing or service agreements and residential mortgage transactions, and frequently involve the foreclosure of mortgages or the disposition of other collateral securing a repayment obligation.

Emily counsels Canadian engineering and architectural firms doing business in the U.S. or with U.S. corporations who are building in Canada. In this capacity, she reviews real estate leases and professional design service agreements.

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Emily helped a client successfully appeal a summary judgment order entered in federal district court. The case involved a contract that was governed by Japanese law and that pitted two business competitors against each other. Presenting the case was a challenge: not only did the brief have to explain why the case was wrongly decided, but why it was wrongly decided under Japanese law, which incorporates cultural norms that American law does not recognize.

*"Being a good advocate requires a curious and creative mind-set."*

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association, Litigation Section; Forum Committee on Construction Industry
- Federal Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan
- Washtenaw County Bar Association, Litigation Section; Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

### HONORS + AWARDS

- University of Michigan Law School, J.D., magna cum laude; Order of the Coif; Women Lawyers of Michigan, Julia D. Darlow Award; Raymond K. & John R. Dykema Award; Jack C. Radcliffe, Jr. Award; Faculty Scholarly Writing Award; Journal of Law Reform, Managing Articles Editor
- University of Michigan, A.B. with high honors; Tau Sigma Delta Architecture & Allied Arts Honor Society; Sophomore Honors Award

### CIVIC, CULTURAL + SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Board of Trustees 2008-present; Development and Human Resources Committees
- Perry Nursery School of Ann Arbor, Board of Directors, 2006-2010

### NEWS

- Miller Canfield Elects Eight New Principals