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Services

Public Finance

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Education

Wayne State University Law
School, J.D.

Central Michigan University, B.S.,
M.A.

Bar Admissions

Michigan



Emily J. Barr

Associate

Emily J. Barr is an associate in Miller Canfield's Public Law Group, where she advises public entities and stakeholders on a broad range of public law and finance matters. Her practice includes traditional bond financings, economic development initiatives and tax increment financing strategies. Emily also supports municipalities, school districts and public authorities in structuring innovative funding solutions that promote community growth and infrastructure development.

In addition to her public finance work, Emily is actively involved in the firm's Election Law practice. She has co-authored legal analyses on significant legislative developments, including Michigan's 2023 election law reforms, which addressed protections for election workers and the regulation of artificial intelligence in political advertising.

Emily earned her J.D. from Wayne State University Law School, where she served as Moot Court Chancellor, helped found the Voting Rights and Election Law Society and was a finalist in the Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition. She also holds both a B.S. and an M.A. from Central Michigan University.

Before joining Miller Canfield, Emily developed and executed educational programs, workshops and conferences on bipartisan legislative oversight at the Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy and served as an adjunct faculty member in the English Department at Central Michigan University's Global Campus.

Emily is based in the firm's Detroit office and is admitted to practice law in Michigan.

Emily J. Barr

Teaching

Adjunct Faculty, English Department, Central Michigan University Global Campus, 2017-2019

Honors

State Bar of Michigan Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2024-2025

Wayne State University Law School, 2021-2022 Moot Court Chancellor; 2022 Winner of Walter Shapero Cup Regional Moot Court Competition; 2023 Finalist in Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition

Professional Activities

Wayne State University Law School, Moot Court; Access to Bankruptcy Court; Voting Rights and Election Law Society, Founding Member

Speeches

"Cash Flow and Short-Term Borrowing Options," Michigan School Business Officials Annual Conference (MSBO), 2025-2026

Articles

Michigan Supreme Court: Political Parties Have Standing in Poll Worker Partisan Disparity Disputes

Sweeping Changes to Michigan Election Law Enacted in Advance of the 2024 Contests

Operating Cash-Flow Borrowing Options for Michigan Public Schools

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New Prevailing Wage Requirements for Charter School Construction Projects

Municipal Retirement Boards and Joint Energy Boards May Now Hold Electronic Meetings Under the OMA

Expanded Permitted Uses for School District Sinking Funds

Operating Cash Flow Borrowing Options for Michigan Public Schools