



# Emma F. Banfield

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Emma works with professional regulatory organizations, individuals and companies, municipalities and public bodies, and employers and employees.

In her work with professional regulatory bodies, Emma provides advice in relation to disciplinary and other matters. She also advises individual and corporate clients on general litigation matters, helps clients in disputes relating to wrongful termination and other employment claims, and assists municipalities with property tax matters and other issues. Emma also enjoys her [wills and estates](#) practice, where she assists clients by drafting estate documents and giving advice on estate planning.

Prior to her articles with Reynolds Mirth, she clerked at the Alberta Court of Appeal. Prior to law, Emma worked as a professional violinist across Canada and the United States and taught History of the Symphony at Northwestern University as well as Orchestral Literature and Violin and Viola Techniques at Wilfrid Laurier University. During her musical career, she received several awards and fostered numerous accomplishments, including serving as Director at the Laurier String Academy. Emma holds a Doctorate of Music from Northwestern University which was supported by a SSHRC grant, and is a recipient of the Guelph Mercury *Top Forty Under Forty*.

Emma volunteers with the Edmonton Community Legal Centre (ECLC) and Workshop West Playwright's Theatre. Her other interests include gardening, yoga, reading, and baking.

## Emma's Associations

- Law Society of Alberta
- Canadian Bar Association

## Emma's Awards & Recognitions

- Bryan and Company Student Leadership Award, 2018
- Lieberman Prize in Law & Medicine, 2018
- Dean's List, 2016-2018
- Catharine Miller Community Service Award, 2017-2018
- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Grant, 2017-2018
- Suzanne Mah Award in Law, 2016-2017
- Top Forty Under Forty Recipient – Guelph Mercury, 2011
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Grant, 2006-2008

## practice areas

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- Boards, Tribunals & Administrative Law
- Municipal Law
- Professional Regulatory Law
- Wills, Estates & Trusts

## education

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- Wilfrid Laurier University, B.Mus. (Honours with High Distinction)
- University of Michigan, M.Mus. (Violin Performance)
- University of Michigan, M.Mus. (Chamber Music)
- Northwestern University, D.Mus. (Violin Performance)
- University of Alberta, J.D. (with Distinction)

## admissions

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Alberta, 2019