



## Emily K. Bardon

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Emily Bardon combines legal precision with industry insight to guide creative businesses and public finance clients through complex transactions and strategic growth.

Emily serves as Practice Group Leader for the Design & Luxury practice group at Lewis Rice. A seasoned attorney, Emily provides comprehensive legal services to creative businesses across industries such as fashion, beauty, entertainment, technology, and manufacturing. She is a trusted advisor to her clients, working closely with them on a wide range of corporate and transactional matters.

Her work includes drafting and negotiating contracts, developing and refining statements of work, reviewing both mission-critical and routine agreements, and advising on intellectual property rights. Emily also has significant experience in mergers and acquisitions, guiding clients through pre-transaction planning, equity transitions, asset transfers, and post-closing obligations.

In her public finance practice, Emily represents underwriters and issuers in connection with municipal bond financing, both within Missouri and in other jurisdictions.

### Education

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2009)
  - Order of the Woolsack
  - Academic Excellence Award Recipient
  - *Saint Louis University Public Law Review*, lead articles editor
- University of Missouri at Columbia (B.A., *cum laude*, 2006)
  - Economics
- University of Missouri at Columbia (B.J., *magna cum laude*, 2006)
  - Magazine Journalism

### Special Honors

- Missouri & Kansas Rising Stars® (2018-2024)

### Services

- Design & Luxury
- Public Finance
- Corporate Strategies
- Veteran, Women, and Minority-Owned Business Enterprises
- Mergers & Acquisitions

- *St. Louis Small Business Monthly* Top M&A Provider (2023)

## **Legal Background**

- Associate, The Stolar Partnership LLP (2009-2013)
- Summer associate, The Stolar Partnership LLP (2007, 2008)

## **Professional Affiliations**

- American Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis
- National Association of Bond Lawyers
- Executive Board Member, Women in Public Finance Kansas and Missouri Chapter

## **Admissions**

- Missouri Bar
- Illinois Bar

## **Charitable & Civic Involvement**

- Board of Directors, St. Louis Fashion Fund
- Secretary, Board of Directors, St. Louis Guns 'N Hoses Boxing Association
- Board of Directors, Betty Jean Kerr People's Health Centers
- Community Advisory Board on Early Education, Nine Network of Public Media (2018-2025)
- Volunteer attorney, St. Louis Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts
- Focus St. Louis, Emerging Leaders Program Graduate (Fall 2018 cohort)
- Volunteer attorney, Brazen St. Louis (2017-2019)
- Board member, St. Louis Crisis Nursery Young Professional Board (2012-2018)
- Board member, Good Shepherd School for Children (2009-2015)