

# Emily Yoshiwara

## Associate

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Emily Yoshiwara represents construction and government contracts clients through bid protests, claims development, discovery, and high-stakes litigation on complex public and private projects.

Emily brings focused experience to construction law and government contracts clients facing disputes and contract challenges on complex construction projects throughout the Northwest. She advises on the full arc of a construction dispute — from contract review and negotiation through claim development, initiating litigation, pre-trial discovery, motion practice, and through trial or arbitration — on both heavy civil infrastructure and commercial construction projects.

On the government contracts side, Emily represents clients in contract disputes before the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals, the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, and the Court of Federal Claims. Her clients include a variety of federal contractors working with various federal agencies, including the Department of Energy and the Department of Defense. She has also represented clients in state, local, and federal bid protests.

Emily has tried multi-week arbitrations and trials and has motion practice in federal and state courts. She works closely with clients from the earliest stages of contract review through final resolution, giving them consistent counsel and a single point of continuity throughout the life of a matter.

## Select Experience

### Construction Arbitration & Litigation

- Secured a favorable award for a prime contractor in a five-week arbitration with a structural steel subcontractor on a large airport project.
- Achieved a favorable settlement for a prime contractor in a dispute with a county

## Education

- Seattle University School of Law (J.D., 2018)
  - *cum laude*
- University of Washington (B.A., 2012)

## Bar Admissions

- Washington

relating to a wastewater treatment plant project.

- Achieved a favorable outcome for a general contractor on a bid protest against the City of Auburn.
- Achieved a favorable outcome for prime contractor in multi-week arbitration with subcontractor relating to a ferry terminal project.

## Accolades

- *Washington Super Lawyers®*, "Rising Stars", 2022-2026
- *Washington Super Lawyers®* - "Women's Edition Rising Stars", 2024
- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program

## Court Admissions

- Western District of Washington
- Eastern District of Washington

## Professional Affiliations

- Board President, Legal Employers Advancing Diversity in Washington
- Executive Committee Member, WSBA Construction Law Section
- Member, CREW Seattle

## Legal Writing

- **Co-author:** "Court of Appeals' Decision Warns Disappointed Bidders to Act Fast or Lose Opportunity for Relief", *WSBA Construction Law Newsletter*, Spring 2022

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## Insights

May 18, 2023

**Legislature passes bill to limit retainage on private projects to 5%, matching existing retention limits for public projects**