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Emily is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin's Children and the Law Section (board; secretary and co-chair, Legislative Committee), the Wisconsin Pro Bono Honor Society (2016), the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the National LGBT Bar Association, and the LGBT Family Law Institute. She also donates her time to the community by providing pro bono and reduced fee representation to undocumented children in their immigration matters throughout Wisconsin, as well as to LGBT families fighting to implement marriage equality in Wisconsin. Emily earned her law degree cum laude from Tulane University Law School in 2005. She earned her B.A. summa cum laude from Arizona State University in 2000.

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