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Emma McKellar is a commercial and business litigator representing clients in various industries in state and federal courts in Houston and throughout Texas.

Emma McKellar is an associate located in the Firm's Houston office and a member of the Advocacy Department. She represents clients in state and federal courts throughout Texas in a wide variety of commercial litigation matters, with an emphasis on breach of contract claims, premises and products liability, and insurance disputes.

Prior to joining Baker Donelson, Emma served as a judicial intern for the Texas Fourteenth Court of Appeals, where she drafted a memorandum opinion involving malpractice claims. Since joining the Firm, she has successfully obtained final rulings in favor of premise owners and third-party claims administrators.



Representative Matters

- Defended a telepharmacy services company in a \$1 million wrongful death and medical malpractice lawsuit.



Professional Honors & Activities

- President – Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honors Society: Wood Inn



Publications

- Co-author – "Do You Have to Allow Anyone Onto Your Facility? OSHA's New Rule Says You Might Have To," *CTI Journal* (Summer 2025)
- Co-author – "Vanishing Forums and Vacated Awards: Fifth Circuit Addresses Arbitrability and Vacatur in Commercial Energy Disputes," IEL's *Energy Law Advisor* (June 2025)
- Co-author – "When the Forum Sinks: The Fifth Circuit Wades in on Defunct Arbitration Forums," TIPS Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee Newsletter (Spring 2025)
- "A Necessary Defense: Legionella Public Health Citations," with Adam W. Green, Bob Cunningham (International Water Consultants) and Ayesha Durrani, MPH (South Texas Law Review), Association of Water Technologies (September 2024)
- "Local Ban: Moratorium on Evaporative Cooling," with Adam W. Green and Bob Cunningham of International Water Consultants, Cooling Technology Institute (2024) and Association of Water Technologies, Louisville, Kentucky (September 2024)



Education

- South Texas College of Law Houston, J.D., 2023, magna cum laude
 - Senior Articles Editor – *South Texas Law Review* (2022 – 2023)
- Virginia Military Institute, B.S., 2020, with distinction



Admissions

- Texas, 2023
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Northern, and Western Districts of Texas, 2023
- U.S. District and Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, 2023