

EMILY CHARLEY

SENIOR COUNSEL

Emily is an active litigator, handling disputes in both state and federal courts, as well as in arbitration and mediation. She contributes significant time to pro bono legal services in her community, sits on the board of directors of the Golden Hour Restoration Institute, a non-profit providing ecological restoration education, and frequently takes cases for the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights.

CHILDHOOD:

Emily grew up dividing her time between Lawrence, Kansas and the Netherlands. Her parents are professors and they would travel between the two locations every other year.

FIRST JOB:

Aside from baby-sitting, she worked at Dunkin' Donuts. It did not cure her of her love of fried bread, despite what you might expect being surrounded by so many doughnuts.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING AN ATTORNEY:

Emily loves trial. It is easily what she likes best about being an attorney.

LEAST FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB:

Billing.

WHAT ARE YOU READING NOW?

Emily is reading a book about the Red Army Faction in Germany right now. She reads voraciously - her mom, a professor, typically sends her a book a week to read and discuss.

FAVORITE CAUSE:

As a lawyer, Emily asks what isn't her favorite cause?! Some of her favorites are anything to do with women's issues, education, and animal rights.



IF YOU WEREN'T A LAWYER YOU WOULD BE...

An Animal Rights Activist. Emily does not have any pets but she fosters and volunteers.

FAVORITE WAY TO SPEND FREE TIME:

Anything to do with water. In the summer she loves to swim, canoe, sail, you name it. Come winter time Emily loves snow sports – both skiing and snowboarding, cross-country skiing, telemarking... you name it.

DO YOU TWEET?

No.

WHAT DO YOU VALUE IN YOUR FRIENDS?:

Character, passion, intelligence, humor, courage and some sass.

FAVORITE FOOD:

As a vegetarian for the last 18 years, Emily likes a wide variety of foods. From Italian to Thai, Vietnamese and Indian food, she also loves anything with cheese!

WHAT IS SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Emily is first generation American. Her parents are European.

LAST PLACE YOU VACATIONED:

Most likely Germany. Emily is going to Sri Lanka in mid-December for almost a month and can't wait.