GREENE ESPEL PLLP

Emily M. McAdam Attorney



Emily listens first—then fights hard. She makes it her business to understand yours.

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OVERVIEW

A skilled advocate for companies facing high-stakes disputes, including those in the healthcare and life science spaces, Emily focuses her practice on False Claims Act defense, employment defense, products liability, healthcare litigation, and government and internal investigations. She is a driving force on litigation teams — the attorney clients rely on to identify and translate strategy into action, keep complex matters moving, and anticipate obstacles before they arise. Clients value Emily's direct, practical counsel and her command of the court system. Listening is at the core of her practice, and she partners with clients to understand their objectives and builds strategy around what matters most to them.

Before joining Greene Espel, Emily clerked for the Honorable David S. Doty of the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota. Prior to law school, she managed alumni relations at Carleton College and Hamline University, which sharpened her ability to align diverse stakeholders around shared goals, a skill she brings to every client engagement.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Minnesota Law School, *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif; Managing Editor, *Minnesota Law Review*
- B.A., Carleton College, History, *cum laude*

EXPERIENCE

- Fredrikson & Byron, Associate
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota, The Honorable David S. Doty, Law Clerk

ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- State Bar of Minnesota

AFFILIATIONS

- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association, Minnesota Chapter

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RECOGNITION

- Up and Coming Attorney, *Minnesota Lawyer* (2024)
- Selected to Minnesota Rising Stars list, Minnesota Super Lawyers (2025-2026)
- Recognized as Minnesota State Bar Association North Star Lawyer for pro bono service (2021)
- Minnesota State Bar Association Excellence in Employment Law Award, 2018

COMMUNITY

- Federal Bar Association, Minnesota Chapter
    - Co-Vice President of Continuing Legal Education (2026-present)
    - Co-Vice President of Membership (2023 – 2026)
    - Law School Outreach Committee, Co-Chair (2021 - 2023)
- Board of Directors, Carleton Ultimate Fund, 2016-2019

Emily enjoys maintaining an active pro bono practice. She has represented pro bono clients seeking asylum in the United States and post-conviction relief from criminal sentences as well.

NEWS & UPDATES

- **July 15, 2026** Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized on the 2026 Minnesota Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
- **July 15, 2025** Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized on the 2025 Minnesota Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
- **August 9, 2024** Minnesota Lawyer Names Erin Emory and Emily McAdam as 2024 Up & Coming Attorneys
- **December 6, 2022** City of Golden Valley Releases Findings of Greene Espel's Police Misconduct Investigation
- **March 9, 2022** Greene Espel Welcomes Litigator Emily McAdam to the Firm

ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

- **September 13, 2025** "Rejecting Policy Rationales Rooted in DEI, Eighth Circuit Reverses Preliminary Injunction Denial in First Amendment Prison Curriculum Case," Law.com
- **July 19, 2024** False Claims Corner: FCA Excessive Fines Opinion Answers Question, Suggests Others
- **October 18, 2022** "Eighth Circuit Addresses Court Clerk Immunity From Suit and 'Younger' Abstention Principles," Law.com
- **April 25, 2022** "Eighth Circuit Allows Legal Malpractice Claim Seeking 'Corrective Attorney Fees' To Move Forward," Law.com

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