

Emily K. Lavery

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OVERVIEW

Emily Lavery is a government affairs advisor and member of the Public Policy and Law practice group where she advises clients on federal tax, trade, banking, digital assets, and judiciary policy. Emily has extensive experience coordinating closely with Members of Congress, senior staff, and federal regulators to advance client objectives, develop legislative and regulatory strategies, and provide insight into political and policy developments. She has successfully designed and implemented strategic plans to influence federal policy, advised clients on legislative and regulatory changes, and organized events for c-suite executives and policymakers to support advocacy initiatives. Emily has experience advising Fortune 500 companies, global fintech companies, leading trade associations, impactful non-profits, and large-scale funds pursuing complex transactions, among other entities.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Emily served as a senior vice president at bipartisan, multi-client public affairs firm, where she led Senate Republican legislative affairs, engagement, and advocacy efforts and served as the chief tax policy director and Republican lead for banking and judiciary policy. She represented a wide range of clients before Congress and the Administration on matters involving federal tax, trade, and financial services policy, and developed and executed legislative, regulatory, and political strategies to advance client objectives.

Earlier in her career, she served as a senior advisor to US Senator Tim Scott and as staff director for the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, where she advised on tax and trade policy, developed and passed legislation, and worked closely with federal agencies on complex policy implementation. During her Senate tenure, Emily advised on federal tax policy throughout multiple reconciliation bills and all five rounds of COVID-19 relief. Additionally, she directed the vetting of judicial nominations, including three Supreme Court nominees. Prior to her time in policy advocacy, Emily served as a vice president and investment advisor at a global private wealth management firm, where she managed over US$115 million in private wealth and provided analysis on capital markets, federal tax policy, and macroeconomic developments.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Jurist Merit Scholar at the Washington College of Law

- Simms Merit Scholar at the University of South Carolina

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Tax Coalition

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Emily has spoken at events for GRI Club, Opal Group, OpportunityDb, The Tax Coalition, Duane Morris law firm, the Council of Development Finance Agencies, The Opportunity Funds Association, Capital Square, and more.

- Podcast, "Opportunity Zones 2.0 – Live From The Land Of OZ," Legal 500, 4 March 2026
- Podcast, "The Evolution of Opportunity Zones Investing," Mapable USA, 15 December 2020
- Podcast, "Potential Legislative Improvements to Opportunity Zones, with Emily Lavery," Opportunity Zones Podcast, 19 August 2020

EDUCATION

- J.D., American University Washington College of Law, 2021
- B.A., University of South Carolina, 2014

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 5 November 2026, The Post-Election Outlook: What the Midterm Results Mean for Business
- 3 November 2026, New Majorities, New Gavels: What Congressional Turnover Means for Business
- October 2026, Tokenization Fundamentals: Understanding the Infrastructure
- 14 August 2026, Digital Asset Update: CLARITY Act Takes Another Step Forward
- 7 July 2026, SEC Proposes to Rescind Climate Disclosure Rules

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Op-Ed: A Key to Helping Struggling Communities Is This Trump-Era Policy," *The Western Journal*, 23 August 2024

NEWS & EVENTS

- 4 November 2026, Asset Management and Investment Funds Conference Series—Boston

- 10 June 2026, K&L Gates Enhances Public Policy and Law Practice With Addition of Government Affairs Advisor in Washington, DC

MEDIA MENTIONS

- 3 November 2026, *Law360* | Fintechs Prepare For Blue Wave's Flood Of Investigations
- 10 June 2026, *Law360* | Former Sen. Tim Scott Staffer Joins K&L Gates In DC

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law

INDUSTRIES

- Quantum
- Technology