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Emily Harwell is an associate in Lieff Cabraser's New York office. She works in all areas of the firm's practice, with a particular focus on and interest in representing tribes and tribal governments as plaintiffs.

Ms. Harwell grew up on the Sac and Fox Reservation in Oklahoma. She is a member of the Mvskoke (Muscogee) Creek Nation of Oklahoma. Ms. Harwell graduated from Dartmouth College where she served as President of the Native Americans at Dartmouth. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in environmental science and studio art.

During her undergraduate studies, Ms. Harwell studied historical climates through ice cores collected from Greenland and Antarctica. In addition, she studied greenhouse gas release from soil used for livestock in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Prior to law school, Ms. Harwell attended the American Indian Law Center's Pre-Law Summer Institute. She graduated from Cornell Law School in 2022. While in law school, she served as Executive Editor for the Cornell Journal of Law & Public Policy and clerked at the Native American Rights Fund ("NARF"). As a clerk, Ms. Harwell focused on Native American voting rights litigation against state governments.

In her final semester of law school, Ms. Harwell was selected as a New York Pro Bono Scholar with the New York Legal Assistance Group's Special Litigation Group. As a Pro Bono Scholar, she assisted with consumer protection litigation, including a class action against a predatory debt collection agency and a class action against the Social Security Administration for wrongful termination of SSI benefits.

Ms. Harwell served as President of the Native American Law Student Association of Cornell and as Treasurer of the Native American Alumni Association at Dartmouth.

Areas of Practice

Native American Tribal Law, Antitrust & Intellectual Property, False Claims Act

Education

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY

Juris Doctor, May 2022

Executive Editor, Journal of Law & Public Policy

Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire

B.A., Studio Art & Environmental Science – 2016

Bar Admissions

New York, 2022

U.S. Court Of Appeals, 2nd Circuit, 2026

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2024

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, 2022

Classes & Seminars

Panelist, “Land Grab Universities,” Cornell Law School Indigenous Law Summit, April 2024

Speaker, “Opportunities in Plaintiff-Side Tribal Law: A Conversation with Lieff Cabraser,” Berkeley Law, February 2024

Published Works

Judicial Discretion Across Jurisdictions: McGirt’s Effects on Indian Offenders in Oklahoma, 107 Cornell L. Rev. 7 (Nov. 2022)

Rep. Haaland’s Historic Nomination: Diving Into the “Department of Everything Else”, Cornell J. L. & Pub. Pol’y, The Issue Spotter (Mar. 12, 2021)

Native Nations & Rural America: An Unlikely Partnership?, Cornell J. L. & Pub. Pol’y, The Issue Spotter (Oct. 23, 2020)

From Smallpox Blankets to COVID Ballots: Understanding the Pandemic as Fundamental Threat to Native American Voters, Cornell J. L. & Pub. Pol’y, The Issue Spotter (Aug. 17, 2020)

