

## EMILY CHAPUIS, Partner

*Emily Chapuis is a partner in the firm's Complex Commercial Litigation practice group. Her practice focuses on high-stakes civil litigation and regulatory disputes in state and federal trial courts, appellate courts, the United States Copyright Royalty Board, and the Federal Communications Commission. She represents a wide range of clients, including in the music, entertainment, telecommunications and hospitality industries.*

Clients look to Ms. Chapuis for expertise in complex rate-setting proceedings. She recently represented SoundExchange, record labels, and copyright owners in a record-breaking rate-setting proceeding that resulted in a more than 40% increase in the statutory royalty rate that satellite radio services must pay to record labels and recording artists. Ms. Chapuis achieved another significant victory on behalf of SoundExchange in 2017, when the D.C. Circuit unanimously adopted its view on a novel question of copyright law in a suit for underpayment of royalties.

Ms. Chapuis has a proven track record as a litigator. She continues to represent SoundExchange, performing rights organizations, copyright owners, and telecommunications companies in bet-the-company litigation, arbitration and regulatory proceedings. Other recent successes include defeating several consumer class actions brought against hotel and rental car companies; representing medical and mental health professionals in high-profile cases involving same-sex marriage and civil rights; and defeating a billion dollar qui tam action at jury trial.

Ms. Chapuis is deeply committed to her pro bono practice. She recently won asylum for a family of four, who were fleeing persecution in Nigeria after refusing to submit their daughters to forced marriages. Her prior pro bono work has ranged from providing direct services to low-income clients in family law and public benefits matters to contributing to a successful appeal of a voting rights case before the United States Supreme Court.

Ms. Chapuis is a member of the Hiring Committee and a leader of the firm's LGBT affinity group. In 2018, she was recognized as one of the "Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40" by the National LGBT Bar Association.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Chapuis practiced labor and employment law in Washington, D.C., and worked as a law clerk in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

### Professional Activities

- Georgetown University Law Center Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program, Fellow 2009-2010



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### PRACTICE GROUPS

Class Action  
Complex Commercial Litigation  
Consumer Law  
Content, Media and Entertainment  
Intellectual Property  
Litigation

### INDUSTRY GROUPS

Hospitality

### EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D., 2009

Tulane University, B.A., 2002; *summa cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa

### ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia, 2013

New York, 2010

### COURT ADMISSIONS

US Supreme Court, 2015

US District Court, District of Columbia, 2015

US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 2016

US Court of Appeals, DC Circuit, 2016

### JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Nicholas G. Garaufis, US District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2011 - 2012

## **Publications**

- Insurance Law Update: "District Court Rejects Insurers' 'Restitution' Defense in Holding that a Final Adjudication Requirement Applies to An Uninsurable Exception to the Definition of 'Loss'", May 27, 2015
- Insurance Law Update: "Where to Look for Insurance for Cybersecurity Risks", June 2014

## **Speaking Engagements**

- "Building and Maintaining Client Relationships," Yale Law Women, February 21, 2018