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### Profile

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#### County of Vancouver

Called to the Bar: 2009

Clark Wilson LLP [See bio >](#)

Emily Clough is a partner at Clark Wilson LLP. After graduating from the University of Victoria law school, Emily clerked at the British Columbia Supreme Court.

Emily is a regular volunteer in the community, particularly regarding law reform and legal rights. Emily is the elected Chair of the British Columbia Law Institute and the Canadian Centre for Elder Law, independent law reform agencies carrying out scholarly research, writing and analysis. Emily is the President of Health Justice, a human rights-focused non-profit organization working to improve BC laws and policies of coercive health care, particularly under the Mental Health Act. Emily is a member-at-large of the CBA National Elder Law Subsection. Emily is a regular volunteer for the Access Pro Bono wills clinic and summary legal advice clinics. She has acted on significant pro bono matters for marginalized female plaintiffs. She has volunteered to provide legal information and education for the Alzheimer Society of British Columbia for more than a decade.

In practice, Emily works in all aspects of estates, trusts and incapacity matters, as both a solicitor and a litigator, including the administration of estates and probate matters. Emily has been lead litigation counsel on cases at trial and appeal regarding estates, variations of wills, trustee duties, power of attorney duties and removal, and elder abuse. She has acted as

counsel in cases that have set new precedents in British Columbia, including on wills variation and the incapacity to marry. Her cases have received national coverage by the Globe & Mail and the CBC. In 2019, Emily was recognized as a nominee for the YWCA Women of Distinction Award.

Emily is the Chair of the Clark Wilson Pro Bono committee and is a member of the Clark Wilson ethics committee.

It is critical that our membership have the tools necessary to address the needs and realities of our modern society, particularly with our aging population. We can anticipate an increase in mental health and mental incapacity issues. As a Bencher, I would work to uphold the public interest mandate of the Law Society and support our members in this changing legal landscape. Notably:

- > Support for Mental Health and Wellness:
  
- > Access to Justice:
  
- > Mentorship, Diversity and Collegiality:

I would be honoured to serve as a Bencher for Vancouver in this by-election.

To view Emily's resume, [click here](#)