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Emily Kirk joined SimmonsCooper's growing business litigation team in 2006. Before joining the firm, she served as legal counsel for U.S. Senator Richard Durbin, where she worked on numerous civil service personnel and food safety issues, including provisions that were included in the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness Response Act of 2002.

Emily earned her Bachelor's degree in Political Science, with a minor in Psychology, from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. She earned her J.D. from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis.

News & Publications

Co-Author, Additional Evidence Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: The Need for Rigor, 9 Tex J. on C.L. and C.R. 201 (2004)

Professional & Community Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- American Association for Justice

Bar and Court Admissions

- Illinois 2001

Education

- Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO; Honors: Summa Cum Laude
- Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO, J.D.

Practice Areas

- Business & Commercial Litigation



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- Illinois State Bar Association
- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association
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