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Defense & Government Contracting

With more than four decades of experience, we successfully litigate the entire spectrum of pre-and post-award claims and disputes and provide strategic counseling in all phases of the contracting process.

Our attorneys in the government contracts litigation practice have served as lead trial counsel for major U.S. and international government contractors across a wide range of industries in all aspects of federal and state government procurement, acquisition, and contracts disputes, claims and bid protests in complex litigation, trials and appeals in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals, federal agency administrative boards, General Accounting Office protests and alternative dispute resolution with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies. We represent contractors at all levels of the contracting structure, from prime contractors, subcontractors and suppliers to joint ventures and design-builders.

Leveraging the talent and experience of our trial lawyers, including the firm's comprehensive expertise in our Construction and Engineering and White Collar Defense work, we guide clients through the complicated maze of highly regulated government contract procurement and acquisition rules they often face when serving our federal and state governments. Among other government contracts matters, we handle:

- Cost allowability and allocation issues on major systems and other cost reimbursement contracts
- Government contract defective cost and pricing claims under the Truth In Negotiations Act
- Contract claims and equitable adjustments for constructive and directed changes under fixed price and cost reimbursement contracts for supplies, services, and construction and engineering
- Investigations, suspension and debarment proceedings, audits, and compliance review issues
- Intellectual property and government contract data rights disputes and claims
- U.S. State Department Overseas Building Office contracts for the design, engineering, construction and security of U.S. Embassies

We also defend government contractors and other major companies in:

- False Claims Act and Anti-Kickback Act investigations, litigation and trials
- Federal criminal and civil fraud investigations by the U.S. Justice Department and U.S. Attorneys Offices
- Federal agency Inspector General investigations

- Industrial facility security clearance investigations by the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency
- S. State Department licensing and investigations under the International Traffic in Arms Regulation and U.S. Commerce Department under the Export Administration Regulations and Commerce Control List
- Tort claims, including by asserting the government contractor's defense
- Unconstitutional takings claims
- Protection of trade secrets and government misuse and misappropriate of government contractors' data or intellectual property

Our representation of government contractors also extends to our federal claims practice, wherein we sue the government on behalf of our clients for non-traditional breaches of contract and unconstitutional regulatory takings (see Federal Claims).