

NOAH B. BLEICHER, Special Counsel

Noah Bleicher is a skilled government contracts practitioner with extensive bid protest litigation experience. He is a special counsel in the firm's Government Contracts Practice where he represents large and small government contractors in a wide array of complex government contracts issues. Mr. Bleicher draws upon his unique and valuable insights from his service as a senior bid protest hearing officer at the US Government Accountability Office (GAO) to effectively resolve government contracts legal disputes and achieve the business objectives of his clients.

While at GAO, Mr. Bleicher adjudicated some of the agency's most complicated protests involving both defense and civilian agencies and procurements of all sizes and complexities. His protest experience covers the full spectrum of legal issues involving the award of a contract or the terms of a solicitation, such as technical evaluation challenges, cost/price realism concerns, restrictive specifications, sole-source contracting, small business issues, organizational conflicts of interest, and the conduct of discussions. Mr. Bleicher presided over numerous bid protest hearings, frequently conducted alternative dispute resolution sessions, and regularly resolved protective order and document production disputes. During his tenure in GAO's Procurement Law Division, he resolved more than 600 bid protests and issued more than 125 published legal decisions. He was promoted to the position of Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Procurement Law and served as an Acting Assistant General Counsel for Procurement Law. In these roles, he supervised a team of GAO bid protest hearing officers.

Prior to his assignment resolving bid protests, Mr. Bleicher served as lead government contracts counsel on GAO reviews of government-wide procurement practices and acquisition policies. His experiences include assessing agency suspension and debarment programs, reviewing the use of contractors in Iraq and Afghanistan, and auditing the cost, schedule, and performance of several major weapon system acquisition programs. Mr. Bleicher reviewed numerous GAO products for legal sufficiency and prepared agency witnesses for congressional testimonies. Mr. Bleicher also served on Capitol Hill as counsel to the former House Armed Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations where he gained valuable experience with congressional investigations.

Mr. Bleicher is frequent lecturer on procurement law issues. He regularly provides training and presentations on bid protest matters. He also is actively involved in the ABA's Section of Public Contract Law, currently serving as a co-chair of the Bid Protest Committee and the Federal, State & Local Government Attorneys Committee.



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EDUCATION
Emory University School of Law, J.D., 2004;
Associate Editor, *Emory Law Journal*

University of Florida, B.A., 2001, *cum laude*;
B.S., 2001, *cum laude*; Florida Academic
Scholar; Florida Blue Key (leadership
honorary); recipient of numerous
scholarships for leadership and
achievement

ADMISSIONS
District of Columbia, 2019

Florida (inactive), 2004

COURT ADMISSIONS
US Supreme Court, 2017

US Court of Federal Claims, 2019

Awards

Government Accountability Office

- Outstanding Achievement Award, 2015
- Results Through Teamwork Award (Recovery Act), 2011
- Integrity Award (Iraq/Afghanistan/Pakistan Team), 2009
- Results Through Teamwork Award (Troubled Asset Relief Program), 2009
- Recipient of numerous "Spot Awards" for outstanding performance
- Recipient of numerous team awards

Legal 500

- Government Contracts, 2020

Service to the Bar

- American Bar Association, Section of Public Contract Law
 - Co-Chair, Annual Meeting Program (2020)
 - Co-Chair, Bid Protest Committee (2017-present)
 - Co-Chair, Federal, State & Local Government Attorneys Committee (2018-2019)
 - Member, Diversity Committee
- *Law360*, Government Contracts
Member, Editorial Advisory Board (2019)

Educational

- US Army Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School
Graduate, Contract Attorneys' Course

Publications

- Co-Author, "Bid Protests: Jurisdictional Limitations on the US Government Accountability Office's Authority to Resolve Certain Bid Protests & an Exploration of the Federal Aviation Administration's Bid Protest Regime," *Federal Procurement Institute*, 2018
- Co-Author, "Accountability In Indefinite-Delivery/Indefinite-Quantity Contracting: The Multifaceted Work of The US Government Accountability Office," *37 Public Contract Law Journal* 375, 2008

Speaking Engagements

- "Best Practices in Pre-Award Bid Protests," the National Contract Management Association's Government Contract Management Symposium, December 09, 2019
- Mid-Atlantic Acquisition Council Training Symposium, US General Services Administration, November 21, 2019
- Co-Presenter, "Hot Topics in Bid Protests," National Contract Management Association's World Congress, July 29, 2019
- "Section 809 Panel Recommendations: What They Mean For Protesters," Federal Publications Seminars Webinar, February 13, 2019