

MATTHEW L. HAWS, Partner

Matthew Haws is a partner in the Government Contracts Practice. He represents clients ranging from defense manufacturers to IT systems integrators on government contract and grant law issues, including claims, compliance and investigations.

Mr. Haws guides contractors through complicated issues in their relationship with the government, including Inspector General investigations, False Claims Act (FCA) filings and suspension/debarment proceedings. He has conducted investigations and provided strategic guidance to contractors facing these issues and has served on an independent monitor team pursuant to an agency administrative compliance agreement. Mr. Haws also has significant experience pursuing contractor claims against the government, disputes between contractors and subcontractors, internal investigations and mandatory disclosures, government contract intellectual property disputes, and interactions with the government related to allowability and allocation of costs.

Mr. Haws previously spent two years seconded in-house at the legal departments of two of the most significant government contractors in the world. In addition, he has served in numerous leadership roles in the American Bar Association's Public Contract Law Section, including chair of the International Procurement Committee, liaison of the Section of International Law to the Public Contract Law Section, and a member of the Section's Strategic Planning Committee. He has also served as the ABA representative to the UNCITRAL Working Group on Procurement, and was a member of the Service Contracting Best Practices Task Force.

For more than 10 years, Mr. Haws has provided pro bono counseling to nonprofits and small, disadvantaged businesses through the DC Bar Community Economic Development Program, including long-term assistance to grant recipients and small companies entering the government contract market. He serves on the DC Bar Pro Bono Committee, and is vice chair of the Nonprofit/Small Business Legal Assistance Committee. As vice chair, Mr. Haws is focusing on using technology to make program resources accessible to entrepreneurs in DC and beyond.

Before joining Jenner & Block, Mr. Haws' representative engagements included:

- counseled a Fortune 500 company in successfully responding to a debarment show cause notice, resulting in the withdrawal of the notice, abandonment of threatened criminal proceedings, and return of eligibility to compete in agency procurements;
- guided GSA Schedule contractors through mandatory disclosures and government audits related to compliance with price reduction clause requirements and commercial sales practice disclosure requirements;
- led an internal investigation for a Fortune 500 company in response to allegations of proposal fraud. Following communication of the results of this investigation, the Department of Justice did not intervene in a related qui



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PRACTICE GROUPS

Government Contracts

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EDUCATION

Harvard Business School, 2015; Credential of Readiness (CORe), business analytics, financial accounting, economics for managers; with honors

George Washington University, J.D., 2002

University of Florida, B.A., 1998; *cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia, 2005

Virginia, 2002

COURT ADMISSIONS

US Court of Appeals, DC Circuit, 2006

US District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, 2005

US Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit, 2008

US Court of Federal Claims, 2008

tam lawsuit;

- obtained a significant victory for an aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul contractor leading to settlement of its contract claim for costs related to excess repair efforts required during overhaul of aircraft landing gear systems; and
- defended a top-10 defense contractor in multi-million dollar defective pricing and false claims litigation, resulting in a successful settlement.

Awards

- *Legal 500*
Government - Government Contracts - 2016
- Jenner & Block Mentorship Award - 2020

Service to the Bar

- American Bar Association
 - Numerous leadership roles, Public Contract Law Section
 - Chair, International Procurement Committee
 - Liaison, Section of International Law to the Public Contract Law Section
 - Member, Section's Strategic Planning Committee
 - Representative, UNCITRAL Working Group on Procurement
 - Service Contracting Best Practices Task Force

Community

- Center for Nonprofit Advancement
Member, Board of Directors

Publications

- "Tips for Government Contractors Using CARES Act Funds," *Bloomberg Law*, September 11, 2020
- Co-Author, Client Alert: OMB Seeks Comments on How Future National Security Risks Will Be Removed from the Government Contracts Marketplace, September 2, 2020
- Co-Author, Client Alert: DOD Issues Final Guidance Implementing Section 3610 of the CARES Act, August 19, 2020
- Co-Author, 5 Ways to Track Changes in Gov't Contracts, *Law360*, August 18, 2020
- "United States," *Defence and Security Procurement* 2018, July 2018
- Co-Author, "United States," *Defence and Security Procurement* 2017, February 2017

Speaking Engagements

- The Escobar Decision One Year Out - Evolving Impact on FCA, June 26, 2017
- “The M&A Environment for Government Contractors: Trends and Updates in 2016,” The Knowledge Group, October 20, 2016