

Government Contracts

The nation's leading government contractors turn to Jenner & Block for sophisticated legal advice as they navigate the complex government contracting landscape. Our lawyers draw on a wealth of industry, government, and litigation experience to help companies successfully avoid or resolve contract disputes with the US government.

Steady Guidance from Former Government Leadership

Understanding the intricacies and practicalities of doing business with the government is essential to the success of government contractors, as is anticipating the real-world challenges clients face when protesting or defending awards, when claims and disputes arise, during strategic transactions, or when the government investigates their company. We leverage the leadership and unique experience of former government officials, representing the Air Force General Counsel's Office and Government Accountability Office, as we develop effective solutions for clients as they face potential or proactive investigations, seek an experienced approach to combat bid protests, or navigate inevitable subcontractor issues.

Unparalleled Industry Knowledge and Established Relationships

Whether its aircraft, medical devices, cloud services, or myriad other industries essential to defense, security, or government operations, we immerse ourselves in our clients' industries, drawing from years of experience representing government contractors to provide sophisticated legal services. What we know about our clients' industries is further bolstered by *who* we know: from the judges in the specialized tribunals, to the government decision-makers, to the investigators and auditors. Our strong relationships with these leaders truly matter and are indicative of our prowess in this unique arena.

Tenacious Advocacy Amidst Careful Planning

Partnering with our clients, we advise on a wide scope of issues that government contractors face, including bidding for work and protesting and defending contract awards; filing claims and appeals; conducting proactive internal investigations to avoiding False Claims Act and *Qui Tam* trials; advising on privacy and cybersecurity concerns; investigating and defending against procurement fraud allegations; advising on Mandatory Disclosures; assisting with the management of grants and cooperative agreements; and a litany of small to large business issues including mergers and acquisitions, financing, and more.

When litigation is unavoidable, we deploy our top talent to handle the highest stakes issues from bid protests for contractors who have just won—or lost—the company’s most important contract. We ruthlessly defend against criminal or civil fraud allegations, litigate large claims and cost disallowances, fight terminations for default, and challenge the debarment of companies and executives.

Experience

- Representing disappointed offerors and successful awardees in “bid protests”—challenges to the award of a government contract.
- Helping clients prepare and analyze internal policies and procedures for ethics and compliance issues faced by contractors.
- Representing contractors who face criminal or contract fraud allegations brought by internal and external “whistleblowers” and the government.
- Counsel clients on contract disputes resolution, litigating claims, as well as dealing with contract terminations for default and for convenience.
- Assisting clients on the government contract aspects of mergers, asset purchases, joint ventures, teaming agreements, and other business combinations.
- Advising clients who wish to transfer goods, services, or information to or from foreign countries on export control and domestic content restrictions.
- Counseling clients on unique cost allowability and allocability issues presented under government contracts, counseling on compliance with the Truth in Negotiations Act, and representing contractors in defective pricing, cost and cost accounting system claims.
- Counseling contractors on intellectual property issues—patent and technical data rights and software licenses—under government contracts.

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