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Representing companies from the largest defense contractors to small businesses and start-ups, Jenner & Block's Government Contracts Practice draws on our lawyers' wealth of government and litigation experience to help clients successfully avoid or resolve contract disputes with the US government. The team, which includes former government officials who have served in the Air Force General Counsel's office and Government Accountability Office and chaired the US Civilian Board of Contract Appeals, understand the intricacies and practicalities of doing business with the government, as well as the real-world challenges clients face when those contracts break down and investigations are opened.



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David Robbins is co-chair of the firm's Government Contracts Practice. From 2009 to 2013 he served as a senior lawyer in the Air Force General Counsel's office where he ran the global Air Force's Procurement Fraud Remedies Office, served as acting Suspending and Debarring Official and Deputy General Counsel (Contractor Responsibility), and served as co-Chair of the Department of Defense/NASA Procurement Fraud Working Group. His practice focuses on a range of investigation, defense, and litigation matters, including civil False Claims Act defense, claims and requests for equitable adjustment, whistleblower reprisal defense, and prime/sub disputes. He also regularly advises on the government contracts aspects of mergers and acquisitions.



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The Honorable Jeri Somers (Ret.) is a partner in the firm's Government Contracts Practice and former chair of the US Civilian Board of Contract Appeals. While on the bench, Judge Somers presided over high-stakes trials arising under the Contract Disputes Act and other statutes requiring the interpretation of unique statutory schemes. Her 35 years of litigation experience as an Air Force Judge Advocate, a DOJ litigator, and an Assistant United States Attorney (USAO/EDVA) provides her with a wealth of knowledge in government contracts, specifically related to equitable adjustments claims, appeals, and cost-related matters. When combined with her familiarity with litigation in federal courts, Judge Somers is clearly a key resource for clients in a multitude of areas.



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As a partner in the firm's Government Contracts Practice, Noah Bleicher represents large and small government contractors in a wide array of complex government contracts issues. Prior to entering private practice, he served as a Deputy Assistant General Counsel at the Government Accountability Office where he resolved more than 600 bid protests and issued more than 125 published protest decisions. His extensive bid protest litigation experience, along with his unique, insider perspectives, allows him to successfully represent clients in sophisticated protest litigation across the protest forums. Clients turn to Noah for his deep knowledge of the nuances and complexities of bid protests and his extensive understanding of the federal acquisition framework.

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