

Government Contracts

We represent government contracting clients in all aspects of their business transactions with U.S. federal, state and local governments, as well as international governments including investigations and litigation under the False Claims Act (FCA). Our lawyers have advised government contractors, equity investors and institutional buyers in mergers, acquisitions and investments in government contractors at every stage of the government contracting process, from draft solicitation through final audit.

Clients appreciate our approach to solving problems before they become deal-breakers. We prepare proactively to handle legal and compliance issues that may arise during the pursuit, performance and closeout of government contracts.

Members of our team leverage decades of prior experience and relationships from former positions in government agencies, including the U.S. Armed Forces, as well as from such industries as automotive and technology, financial services, aerospace, defense and healthcare.

We offer clients deep experience in technology-related domestic and international mergers, acquisitions, joint venture agreements and other technology transactions; foreign military sales and foreign military financing; and dispute resolution and litigation support.

Our attorneys counsel clients on how to best protect their intellectual property rights in technology, software developed or customized under government contracts, commercial software and technical data delivered under government contracts.

We regularly assist clients with drafting and negotiating licenses and data rights agreements with agencies and prime contractors. Clients call on us to structure and scope strategic licenses that comply with legal requirements; define, parse and limit government rights in pre-existing technology; and draft and negotiate terms of the license agreement.

Capability Lawyers



Rick Vacura
Northern Virginia



Steve Cave
Northern Virginia

Recognition

Recognized as Best Law Firm of the Year

AMERICAN LAWYER
INDUSTRY AWARDS, 2023

Ranked Band 1 Highly Regarded in Government Contracts

CHAMBERS USA, 2023

Rick Vacura ranked for Government Contracts

CHAMBERS USA
NATIONWIDE

Rick Vacura named a “Top Government Contracts Lawyer”

WASHINGTON BUSINESS
JOURNAL

Steve Cave named a Washington D.C. Trailblazer

Because our firm’s capabilities extend beyond deal making, we are able to provide holistic counsel. We regularly advise clients on regulatory compliance and cybersecurity, bid protests, investigations and prosecutions, and claims and disputes. Our group has extensive experience with handling FCA investigations and litigation. This often involves defending clients at an early stage in proceedings, to persuade the government to decline intervention and end the investigation altogether.

Clients rely on our team to help them navigate the intricacies of government contracts law, including the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS). We also routinely address and resolve national security issues.

Cases & Deals

March 7, 2024

ManTech Sells Technical Advisory Services Programs to SPA

February 27, 2024

King & Spalding Advises Cox Enterprises in Acquisition of Majority Interest of OpenGov at \$1.8 Billion Valuation

January 4, 2024

Acentra Health, a Carlyle Portfolio Company, Acquires Espyr

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Insights

CLIENT ALERT

August 23, 2023

OMB Finalizes Regulatory Guidance On “Buy America Preferences For Infrastructure Projects”

NEWSLETTER

February 22, 2023

H2ypothetical - Prevailing Wage and Apprenticeship Requirements

CLIENT ALERT

February 14, 2023

OMB Proposes New Regulatory Guidance On “Buy America Preferences For Infrastructure Projects”

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Events

CONFERENCE

October 25, 2023

Federal M&A Outlook 2024

CONFERENCE

October 20, 2022

THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL

Rick Vacura recognized as “Leading Lawyer in Government Contracts”

LEGAL 500 US

Steve Cave ranked for Government Contracts

CHAMBERS USA NATIONWIDE

Federal M&A Outlook 2023: Transformative Transactions in a Complex Antitrust Environment

[SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT](#)

October 11, 2021

Liz Lindquist to Speak at Informa Connect's Medicaid Drug Rebate Program Conference

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News

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April 1, 2024

Charles Katz, Drew Pollekoff, Steve Cave, Megan Larsen and Lauren Horneffer counsel ManTech in connection with Systems Planning & Analysis acquiring ManTech's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Office of the Secretary of Defense Strategic Capabilities Office, and select National Reconnaissance Office technical advisory services programs

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March 14, 2024

K&S advises middle market private equity firm J.F. Lehman in its affiliate's acquisition of Mission Microwave Technologies

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March 7, 2024

K&S advises ManTech on its acquisition of Systems Planning & Analysis

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