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Areas of Focus

Government Contractor
Litigation and Compliance
Investigations, Compliance,
and Defense
AI Task Force
Middle East
Space



Overview

When clients face high-stakes matters, complex internal investigations, and strategic transactions, they turn to David Robbins, the Co-Chair of Jenner & Block’s Government Contractor Litigation and Compliance Practice.

As an experienced litigator, investigations lawyer, and strategic business counselor, David advises government contractors, grant recipients, and their owners, executives, and investors. He advises clients on civil False Claims Act defense, parallel civil and criminal fraud enforcement proceedings, whistleblower reprisal defense, compliance, strategic corporate transactions, claims, appeals, and more.

Experience as a government contractor, in high-level legal roles in government, and in law firms make David’s insight invaluable. He previously led the US Air Force’s global Procurement Fraud Remedies Office and served as a Suspending and Debarring Official (acting) and Deputy General Counsel, and co-chaired the Department of Defense/National Aeronautics and Space Administration Procurement Fraud Working Group. David’s career has included more than two thousand civil False Claims Act matters, criminal fraud cases, and suspension/debarment exclusion proceedings.

David frequently speaks and publishes on government contracts topics. He is the primary author and editor of the ABA Publications peer-reviewed book *The Procurement Fraud Guidebook: System, Stakeholders, and Response Strategies*.



He is an exceptional business talent... David is an extremely knowledgeable counselor with outstanding business awareness.”

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Representative Matters

- Defended dozens of government contractors facing False Claims Act investigations, including through declination or settlement.
- Conducted dozens of internal investigations into procurement fraud allegations, as counsel to contractors as well as counsel to boards of directors.
- Defended a variety of whistleblower and procurement fraud-related civil and criminal cases.
- Led government contracts-related due diligence for corporate transactions and recapitalization, in the public and private markets.
- Litigated and counseled regarding the full spectrum of issues facing government contractors and recipients of federal grants including from the Department of Defense, civilian agencies, intelligence agencies, and the National Aeronautics and Space Agency.

Credentials

Admissions

- District of Columbia, 2005
- Maryland, 2003

Education

- University of Maryland School of Law, JD
- University of Maryland, College Park - Robert H. Smith School of Business, MBA
- Yale University, BA

- Air War College, Professional Military Education

Court Admissions

- US District Court, District of Columbia
- US District Court, District of Maryland

Service / Recognition

Awards

- The Burton Awards, Law360 Distinguished Legal Writing Awards-Law Firm, 2023
- *Chambers USA*, Government Contracts (Nationwide), 2022-2025
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2025; High Honor Roll, 2022, 2024
- *Legal 500*, Government Contracts, 2021

Service to the Bar

- American Bar Association, Public Contract Law Section, Past Co-Chair, Ethics, Compliance & Professional Responsibility Committee
- Montgomery County Council's Procurement Task Force, Chair, 2015
- National Association of Surety Bond Producers, Attorney Advisory Council