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Areas of Focus

Government Contractor
Litigation and Compliance
Investigations, Compliance,
and Defense
Space



Overview

With extensive experience in government contracts formation and complex contract administration, Liz Pullin counsels clients on matters implicating their role as government contractors.

Liz represents clients in Court of Federal Claims bid protests, Contract Disputes Act matters, small business issues, and research and development contracting. Drawing on her experience as a Trial Attorney at the US Department of Justice Civil Division and two decades as an Air Force Judge Advocate, she brings practical insight into both the litigation and business sides of government procurement.

As a veteran litigator in bid protests and contract claims, Liz is uniquely equipped to navigate the legal and business landscape of emerging procurement areas, particularly space commercialization and innovative acquisition strategies. At the DOJ Civil Division, she represented the United States in the Court of Federal Claims and Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, serving as a mentor and resource for practitioners handling complex procurement disputes across the federal government.

Liz's Air Force career includes serving as the inaugural Legal Advisor to the Space Force Rapid Capabilities Office, where she advised on rapid acquisition strategies for highly classified programs valued at more than \$4.3 billion. She supported Space Force, coalition, and inter-agency teams on innovative procurement approaches, and drafted international agreements for collaborative space programs. Liz previously held positions as the Staff Judge Advocate (General Counsel) of the 374th Airlift Wing at Yokota Air Base in Japan and Chief of Commercial Litigation and Fraud Counsel for Air Education and Training Command, where she managed multi-billion-dollar contract portfolios.

Throughout her Air Force service, Liz handled high-stakes litigation and complex procurement matters, including successfully defending the Air Force in the first-ever Small Business Innovation and Research Program Commercial Services Opening bid protest and matters at the intersection of government procurement and international law. This unique background positions Liz to guide clients through complex challenges in emerging areas like space systems, advanced technologies, and innovative contract vehicles.

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Representative Matters

The matters described below reflect Liz's work prior to joining Jenner & Block.

- Successfully defended the US Air Force in the first-ever Small Business Innovation and Research Program Commercial Services Opening against a preliminary injunction.
- Defended the Thule Air Base Operations and Maintenance contract in litigation involving the intersection of government procurement and international law.
- Served as expert resource within the US Department of Justice on bid protest litigation and agency counseling, mentoring practitioners across executive agencies.
- Advised on rapid acquisition strategies for 11 highly classified space programs valued at more than \$4.3 billion, averaging 75 days from request for proposal to award.
- Drafted international agreements for innovative collaborative space programs supporting defense cooperation among coalition partners.
- Authored novel other transaction and complementary FAR contract for the architecture, integration, and agile development of enterprise tactical ground command and control systems.
- Defended numerous bid protests saving the Air Force millions of dollars in potential re-procurement costs.
- Managed \$7.8 billion contract portfolio including the Air Force undergraduate flying training and Air Force Security Assistance missions.

Credentials

Admissions

Admitted in Illinois. Not admitted to practice in the District of Columbia; application pending. Practicing under the supervision of the partnership of Jenner & Block, LLP.

Education

- King's College London, Dickson Poon School of Law, PGDL, European Procurement Law, 2021

- The George Washington University Law School, LLM, Government Procurement Law, 2010
- University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, JD
- University of Wyoming, MPA, 1998
- University of North Carolina, Charlotte, BA, Political Science, 1994

Court Admissions

- US Supreme Court, 2010
- Illinois Supreme Court, 2001
- US Court of Appeals, Armed Services, 2002
- US Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, 2002
- US Court of Federal Claims, 2010