



## CONSTRUCTION LAW

## Federal Procurement & Claims

Finch, Thornton & Baird, LLP offers unparalleled experience to general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and manufacturers seeking success in the complex and highly regulated federal construction arena. From setting up your business entity (or strengthening legal and contractual agreements) to helping you win contracts through aggressive bid protest strategies to fighting claims to ensure you get paid, our experienced attorneys are ready to go.

### SUCCESS BEGINS WITH A STRONG FOUNDATION.

Startups and established businesses benefit from the firm's expansive knowledge of business entity setup, formation, compliance, and regulatory requirements imposed by federal law or established by federal agencies including:

- Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR)
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
- Buy American Act
- Small Business Administration (SBA)
- Office of Federal Contracts Compliance Programs (OFFCCP)
- Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration Division of the Department of Labor

Maintaining mutually beneficial relationships will be crucial to the success of your business. So our experience in structuring partnering, teaming, and joint venture agreements is invaluable. But our support doesn't end there. Your legal team works throughout the term of our representation to ensure that all certifications and approvals are current and in compliance, too.

### SECURING YOUR PROCUREMENTS THROUGH A WINNING BID PROTEST STRATEGY.

Despite the obvious appeals of federal works contracts, winning them can prove highly challenging. Solicitation ambiguities, protests by higher or lower bidders, and improper proposal evaluations by agencies are common. In federal procurement, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. By evaluating solicitations for flaws or weaknesses prior to bidding, we help clients avoid protests and create winning bids.

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- Claims & Disputes
- Local Agency, Municipal & State Contracts
- **Federal Procurement & Claims**
- Prime Contracts & Subcontracts
- Labor & Employment
- Workplace Safety & Health
- Project Counsel
- Corporate
- Real Estate
- Collections
- Insurance Defense
- Wealth Preservation

## OTHER PRACTICES

- Labor & Employment
- Business & Commercial Litigation
- Business & Commercial Transactions
- Real Estate
- Liability Defense
- Wealth Preservation

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We know this through our representation of clients large and small in all manner of size, status, agency, and GAO bid protests. After decades of delivering shrewd, timely, and well-researched bid protests, we know what it takes to deliver successful outcomes for our clients.

### **FIGHTING YOUR CLAIMS AND GETTING YOU PAID WHAT YOU DESERVE.**

Helping clients win federal procurement can be gratifying. It ensures an appreciative client, work force employment opportunities, and, occasionally, the chance to work on important national construction projects. Few things are more rewarding to this firm, however, than seeing our clients receive the rightful compensation they deserve. In fact, the principle of delivering net monetary benefits to our clients is central to our core values. It is where our aggressive approach to claims and disputes representation, negotiation, and litigation shines brightest. And where we stand the greatest potential to help clients maximize their profits.

## **SERVICES**

### **Business Formation and Contract Negotiation**

- Formation and certification of women owned small business, HUBZone small business, veteran owned small business, and 8(a) business and disadvantaged business enterprises
- Partnering, teaming and joint venture agreements
- Prime contracts and subcontracts
- Technology and licensing issues
- Data rights

### **Bid Protests**

- SBA size and status compliance and protests
- GAO and Court of Federal Claims (COFC) bid protests
- Procuring agency protests

### **Claims and Disputes**

- Change orders and contract modifications
- Requests for equitable adjustment (REAs)
- Civilian Board of Contract Appeals (formerly GSBICA) and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals
- Contract Disputes Act claims
- Miller Act bond claims
- Contract termination under the FARs
- Compliance