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Dawn Stern focuses her practice on providing assistance on a range of government contract matters.

Dawn assists clients at all stages of litigation in bid protests and Contract Disputes Act matters before the United States Government Accountability Office, the Boards of Contract Appeals and the United States Court of Federal Claims. Dawn also counsels clients on a variety of government contracts issues including cost accounting, cybersecurity compliance, subcontracting and regulatory compliance.

Prior to joining DLA Piper, Dawn served as a Trial Attorney in the National Courts Section of the United States Department of Justice where she litigated bid protest and Contract Disputes Act cases before the United States Court of Federal Claims and United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

RELATED SERVICES

- International Trade, Regulatory and Government Affairs

RELATED SECTORS

- Government Contracting

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Florida

Clerk Experience

- The Honorable James I. Cohn, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida (2005 – 2007)

Prior Experience

Previously, Dawn was a Trial Attorney for the Department of Justice, Civil Division in Washington, DC. She represented the United States during all stages of litigation of government contract cases before the United States Court of Federal Claims, including bid protests, Contract Disputes Act cases and construction contract matters. As lead counsel in these matters, Dawn's practice involved drafting motions and briefs, conducting discovery, taking and defending depositions, counseling clients, negotiating settlements, mediating cases, presenting oral arguments and participating in trial.

Dawn also served as lead counsel in appeals before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in which she drafted briefs and argued appeals from the Court of Federal Claims, Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, Merit Systems Protection Board and Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

Recognitions

- President's Award for Outstanding Service, Rockville Volunteer Fire Department

Education

- J.D., George Washington University Law School 2005
high honors
Order of the Coif
Merit Scholar
J.M. Rubin Scholar
Winner of the Cohen & Cohen Mock Trial Competition
Mock trial board
Adjunct Professor, Legal Research and Writing
- B.S., Psychology, University of Florida 2000
highest honors

Courts

- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Federal Claims

Memberships

- Vice Chair for the ABA Public Contract Law Section Bid Protest Committee
- Board of Directors for the Federal Bar Association, Director (2014 – 2017)
- Federal Bar Association, Younger Lawyers Division National Board (2007 – present), Chair (2013 – 2014), Chair-Elect (2012 – 2013), Vice Chair (2011 – 2012), Secretary (2010 – 2011) and Treasurer (2009 – 2010)
- Federal Bar Association, Board of Directors, *Ex Officio* Member (2013 – 2014)
- Court of Federal Claims Bar Association
- American Bar Association, International Section, International Procurement Committee, Immediate Past Chair (2017– 2018), Chair (2014 – 2017)
- American Bar Association, Public Contract Law Section, Contract Claims and Disputes Resolution Committee, Vice Chair (2017– present)

Civic and Charitable

- Rockville Volunteer Fire Department Administrative Member (2012 – present) and Golf Tournament Co-Chair (2012 – 2015)

INSIGHTS

Publications

DoD's new cybersecurity compliance program . . . What you need to know

6 November 2019

The Department of Defense is actively developing a new framework for protecting government data and evaluating contractors'

cybersecurity compliance known as the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification program.

Court finds that failure to comply with cybersecurity obligations can create False Claims Act liability

20 MAY 2019

Key takeaways about this significant finding.

The future of DOD contracting

1 APR 2019

A review of an array of factors, from commercial buying and cybersecurity to "Other Transaction" authority and the recently established Army Futures Command.

DoD suggests flexibility with cybersecurity compliance deadline

30 APR 2018

Cautious optimism that DoD may be more flexible and reasonable than anticipated about the implementation process.

- Contributor, "Court of Federal Claims: Jurisdiction, Practice, and Procedure," *Bloomberg BNA*, 2016 (Co-Authored chapter 32, "The Judgement Fund")
- Contributor, "Cybersecurity: 2015's top legal developments and what they mean for key sectors," February 11, 2016

Events

Previous

DOD contracting: key developments and trends

7 FEB 2019

Reston

- Panelist, "New False Claims Act Cases: Cybersecurity Requirements Expose Contractors to Liability," The George Washington University Law School, (November 14, 2019)
- Panelist, "Cybersecurity Considerations in Bid Protests," ABA Public Contract Law Section, (November 5, 2019)
- Moderator, "Agency Counsel Perspectives on Effective Protest Practice," ABA Public Contract Law Section, (February 19, 2019)
- Panelist, "DoD Contracting: Key Developments and Trends," DLA Piper, (February 7, 2019)
- Moderator, "Ask the Judges Panel," ABA Public Contract Law Section, Contract Claims and Disputes Resolution Committee, (May 9, 2018)
- Moderator, The Use of Experts in Qui Tam Actions, Federal Bar Association Qui Tam Section Annual Conference, (February 27, 2018)

- Panelist, ABA Public Contract Law Section, Bid Protest Committee, Washington, DC, (November 21, 2017)
- Panelist, "Government Procurement Law Career Panel," The George Washington University Law School, (September 26, 2017)
- Webinar Presenter, "Government Contracts 101: An Overview of U.S. Government Contracts for Non-Government Contracts Attorneys," Federal Bar Association and MyLawCLE, (March 2, 2017)
- Panelist, "A Comparison of Bid Protest Regimes Throughout North America – US, Canada and Mexico," ABA Section of International Law, International Procurement Committee, Washington DC, (March 31, 2015)
- Panelist, "Best Practices for and Introduction to the Court of Federal Claims," Federal Bar Association, Washington, DC (February 28, 2013)
- Panelist, "Survive and Thrive: Perspectives for a Young Lawyer," Federal Bar Association, San Diego, CA (September 2012)
- Panelist, "Introduction to Procurement Law," Public Contract Law Journal (2013)
- Panelist, "Bid Challenges in the United Kingdom, United States and Mexico," ABA Bar Association, International Law Section, International Procurement Committee, Washington, DC (November 13, 2013)

NEWS

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.
