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Sam Knowles provides counseling and litigation services to both large and small companies on a range of government contract matters, including due diligence for mergers and acquisitions, subcontracting, contract bid and proposal review, and state and local government contract issues.

Sam's experience includes work on bid protests, regulatory compliance issues, trade secret litigation and multiple award schedule contracting.

- Regulatory and Government Affairs

- Government Contracting

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland

Prior Experience

Prior to joining the firm, he worked for a major Aerospace and Defense contractor for six years, working in both the International Marketing and Contracts business areas. In those roles his responsibilities included contract negotiations with commercial and Government customers, export and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act compliance and new business development. Prior to that he taught Spanish, and coached soccer and wrestling at a private school in Pennsylvania.

Education

- LL.M., Government Procurement, George Washington University Law School 2012
- J.D., University of Maryland School of Law 2006
cum laude
Student Honor Board
- M.B.A., Thunderbird School of Global Management 2000

Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society

- M.A., Spanish, Middlebury College 2000
- B.A., Spanish, Davidson College 1994

Courts

- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States Court of Federal Claims

INSIGHTS

Publications

The Impact of *Escobar* and the Procurement Collusion Strike Force on Procurement-Related False Claims Act Settlements

2 May 2022

Read the full article from *The Procurement Lawyer* [here](#).

Increased contractor discretion in COVID-19 Executive Order 14042

8 November 2021

Details of updated guidance and its implications for employers.

President Biden announces new vaccination requirements – what private employers and federal contractors need to know

14 September 2021

Employers already struggling with a puzzling array of compliance challenges aimed at combating COVID-19 now face additional vaccination and testing requirements.

New minimum wage requirements for federal contractors: Key takeaways

4 May 2021

The EO requires that all employees working “on or in connection with” a federal government contract be paid a minimum of \$15 per hour.

Events

- Speaker, "History and Recent Trends in Commercial Item Contracting," US Department of the Navy, Office of General Counsel Symposium, May 25, 2016
- Co-Presenter, "Debriefings in Federal Procurement: Key Issues and Strategies," L2 Federal Resources, LLC Webinar – Washington, DC (January 31, 2013)
- Co-Presenter, "The Five W's of Bid Protests," L2 Federal Resources, LLC Webinar – Washington, DC (September 20, 2012)

- Conference Presenter, "Implicaciones del Tratado de Libre Comercio Entre EE.UU y Colombia: Como hacer negocios con el Gobierno de EE.UU cuando no se es una empresa estadounidense" (Implications of the Free Trade Agreement Between the US and Colombia: How to do business with the US Government when you are not a US company), Medellin, Colombia (May 30, 2012), Bogota, Colombia (May 31, 2012)