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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 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.

- Regulatory and Government Affairs
- Government Contracting

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

- George Washington University Women in Government Contracts Initiative Steering Committee (2021- present)
- Vice Chair for the ABA Public Contract Law Section Bid Protest Committee
- Vice Chair for the ABA Public Contract Law Section Contract Claims and Disputes Resolution Committee
- Vice Chair for the ABA Public Contract Law Section Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Data Protection 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)
- American Bar Association, Public Contract Law Section, Procurement Law Institute 2020, Conference Co-Chair

Civic and Charitable

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

INSIGHTS

Publications

Nonsolicitation agreements face antitrust scrutiny

16 May 2022

Some of the court's rulings in the case may be relied on by the government as it continues to focus on non-solicitation and no-poach agreements.

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](#).

District Court confirms that noncompliance with cybersecurity requirements may lead to False Claims Act liability

16 February 2022

Key details and implications for contractors.

With Civil Cyber-Fraud Initiative, government sharpens focus on cybersecurity obligations for government contractors

13 December 2021

Deploying the False Claims Act to pursue cybersecurity-related fraud.

With Civil Cyber-Fraud Initiative, government sharpens focus on cybersecurity obligations for government contractors

1 November 2021

Acting Assistant Attorney General Brian Boynton recently discussed how the Civil Cyber-Fraud Initiative would use the False Claims Act to pursue cybersecurity-related fraud.

Cybersecurity obligations for government contractors – focus on them before the government focuses on you

22 September 2021

Liability under the False Claims Act can be financially debilitating, particularly for small and mid-size contractors.

What does the cybersecurity executive order mean for federal government contractors and their supply chains?

19 May 2021

Key sections of the EO that are likely to impact federal contractors and the practical effects of those 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.

Into the unknown: DoD's long-awaited cybersecurity rule leaves critical questions unanswered

5 October 2020

The rule leaves open a number of critical questions.

- Into the Unknown: DoD's long-awaited cybersecurity rule leaves critical questions unanswered, 5 October 2020
- Co-Contributor, Are pandemic-related contract changes compensable? Two recent, instructive cases, 4 June 2020
- DoD's new cybersecurity compliance program . . . What you need to know, 6 November 2019
- Court finds that failure to comply with cybersecurity obligations can create False Claims Act liability, 20 May 2019
- The future of DOD contracting, 1 Apr 2019
- 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

New cybersecurity requirements for Department of Defense (DoD) contractors

13 December 2021 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST

Webinar

- Panelist, "Scope of Claim & Contracting Officer's Final Decision vs Scope of Government's Case," (February 16, 2022)
- Panelist, "CMMC - New Government Requirements for Cybersecurity," (December 13, 2021)
- Moderator, "Government Contracts Implications of Cybersecurity Executive Order," ABA Public Contract Law Cybersecurity, Privacy and Data Protection Committee, (June 1, 2021)
- Moderator/Presenter, "Contract Claims and Disputes Resolution," ABA Public Contract Law Section, (April 21, 2021)
- Panelist, "Uniting Women in Cyber 2020 Symposium," Federal Publications Seminars, (October 28, 2020)
- 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 advises Paradox in its acquisition of Traitify

23 August 2021

DLA Piper represented Paradox in its acquisition of Traitify.
