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PRACTICES Litigation, Government Contracts, Government Enforcement and Litigation, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Bid Protests, Cost Accounting and Cost Allowability, Domestic Preference, Buy American Act, False Claims Act, Qui Tam and Litigation, GSA Schedule and Commercial Item Contracts, Independent Monitorships, Requests for Equitable Adjustment, Claims, and Litigation, Small Business Issues, State and Local Procurement/Cooperative Purchasing, Suspension and Debarment, Terminations, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), Technology Contracts Litigation, Federal Assistance: Grants and Cooperative Agreements, Nuclear Energy

Stephen D. Knight has practiced government contract law for more than 40 years, counseling and litigating on behalf of clients in all aspects of that practice. He has significant experience in claims and disputes, with special emphasis on costing and pricing issues involving cost allocability and allowability, Cost Accounting Standards, defective pricing under the Truth in Negotiations Act, and government audits. Steve has substantial experience in compliance issues pertaining to government contractors and frequently assists clients in evaluating the requirement and manner of making disclosures to the government. He has conducted compliance reviews for clients, assisting in reviewing and evaluating internal controls, conducting training and evaluating specific compliance issues such as business systems and socio-economic requirements in government contracts. Steve represents prime contractors as well as subcontractors in the manufacturing and services sectors and is experienced in ascertaining the necessary government contract requirements for inclusion in subcontracts.

Steve also has significant experience in representing clients during Inspector General audits and investigations, as well as procurement fraud investigations. This experience includes grand jury and civil fraud investigations pursuant to the criminal and civil False Claims Acts, involving accounting, quality, conflicts of interest, and socio-economic requirements.

For more than twenty-five years, Steve has served as an adjunct professor with the Masters in Procurement Law Program at The George Washington University School of Law, teaching Costing & Pricing. He held the Sy Herman Professorial Lectureship at that law school.

Chambers USA, Chambers and Partners, 2022-2024, ranks Steve in the area of Government Contracts—Nationwide. He is listed in the *Chambers USA-Nationwide*: Spotlight Table for Government Contracts: Cost Disputes. He is regularly sought out by contractors and subcontractors for his expertise in cost accounting, reimbursement and audit investigations, with interviewees indicating that “he is knowledgeable, experienced and understands our company and its needs.”

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 1978
- B.A., University of Virginia, 1975, with honors

LANGUAGES

- French

ADMISSIONS

- Virginia
- District of Columbia

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- United States Supreme Court

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “The Masters Institute in Government Contract Costs,” co-presenter, Federal Publications Seminars, Las Vegas, September 16-18, 2020, and Baltimore, MD, October 21-23, 2020.
- “Top 10 Things You Should Know About Government Contracts,” presenter, DC Bar CLE Webinar, July 9, 2020.
- “Avenues For Fast-Tracking Gov't Procurement In Emergency,” co-author, Law360 Expert Analysis, April 20, 2020.
- “Defense Production Act of 1950 Explained,” speaker, Federal Publications Seminars Podcast, April 2, 2020.
- “The Legality of Cost and Audit,” moderator, Judges Panel, Financial Executives International (FEI) Conference on Government Business, Washington, D.C., February 4, 2020.
- “2019 Cost Accounting Standards (CAS),” presenter, Federal Publications Seminars Webinar Series, July 9–December 17, 2019.
- “Government Contractors Forum: A Roadmap for Managing DCAA Audits” Association of Corporate Counsel National Capital Region, July 10, 2018.
- “The Government Audit Process: Limitations and Considerations,” co-presenter, Fairfax Bar Association Government Contract Section, April 25, 2017.
- “Cost Allowability,” co-presenter, Federal Publications Seminars, April 19-20, 2017.
- “Top 10 Things You Should Know About Government Contracts,” presenter, DC Bar CLE Seminar, March 26, 2016.
- “Opening Remarks,” co-presenter, ACI 5th Annual Advanced Forum on DCAA Audits, Arlington, VA, November 5-6, 2013.
- “Executives in DCAA Crosshairs – New Limits on Executive Compensation,” co-speaker, Government Contractors Forum, Association of Corporate Counsel Washington Metropolitan Area Corporate Counsel Association, September 18, 2013.
- “Determining Applicability of CAS to Your Contracting and Completing a Disclosure Statement,” co-speaker, ACI U.S. Defence Contracting and FAR Compliance in Europe Conference, June 25,

2013.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS

- Adjunct Professor, George Washington University Law School
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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Chambers and Partners, Government Contracts—USA Nationwide, 2022-2024
- *Chambers USA Government Contracts: Costs Disputes: USA-Nationwide*, Chambers and Partners: Spotlight Table, 2022-2024
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating in area of Government Contracts