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Practice Areas

Government Contracts
REAs, Claims, and Appeals
Bid Protests
Construction
Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Education

George Mason University School of
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Saint Joseph's University, B.S.B.A.,
2011

Bar/Court Admissions

Virginia
District of Columbia
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of
Virginia
U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Sam Finnerty is a trusted legal partner to government contractors, helping businesses secure, defend, and maximize federal contracting opportunities. With deep expertise in federal procurement, construction law, small business programs, and litigation, Sam provides strategic counsel to contractors navigating the complex world of government compliance and disputes.

A seasoned advocate, Sam represents contractors in high stakes bid protests before the Government Accountability Office (GAO), Federal Aviation Administration's Office of Dispute Resolution for Acquisition (ODRA), and U.S. Court of Federal Claims (COFC). He also defends and pursues small business size and socio-economic status protests before the Small Business Administration (SBA) and its Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA). As a key member of the firm's Government Contract Claims & Appeals Group, Sam has extensive experience handling Contract Dispute Act claims, requests for equitable adjustment (REAs), terminations, regulatory compliance, and contract performance disputes.

Beyond litigation, Sam helps businesses leverage federal set-aside programs, advising on the 8(a), HUBZone, SDVOSB, WOSB, and All Small Mentor-Protégé Programs. He drafts and negotiates teaming agreements, joint ventures, subcontracts, mentor-protégé agreements, and other contracts to ensure clients remain competitive in the federal marketplace. Additionally, Sam advises contractors on a diverse array of regulatory compliance issues arising under the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), and SBA regulations, including recertification, limitations on subcontracting, organizational conflicts of interest, past performance evaluations (CPARs), security clearances, and affiliation. Sam also works closely with the firm's Business & Transactions Group to guide contractors through mergers and acquisitions (M&A), due diligence, and novation agreements, ensuring seamless transitions in government contracting.

