

## Michael F. Mason

Partner

Washington, D.C.

### Biography

Mike Mason's clients frequently turn to him to handle high-stakes matters. Mike leads a multidisciplinary team focused on providing a full spectrum of legal services to clients in the Aerospace, Defense, and Government Services (ADG) industry.

He represents clients in bid protest litigation before the Government Accountability Office and U.S. Court of Federal Claims, often involving contracts valued in hundreds of millions, or billions, of dollars. Mike assists clients where there are allegations of misconduct, including False Claims Act litigation, Procurement Integrity Act violations, suspension and debarment proceedings, cyber incidents, and mandatory disclosures.

Mike also guides clients through the complex and ever-changing myriad of government regulatory requirements. Mike has years of experience assisting clients with all aspects of the Federal Supply Schedule program, especially including the "high risk" areas of pricing disclosure and monitoring requirements. Mike regularly helps clients with gap assessments and the construct of compliance programs. Mike's comprehensive knowledge benefits clients on all aspects of cybersecurity, including government safeguarding and reporting requirements. Mike is also a key participant in the firm's Government Contracts



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### Practices

Government Contracts

Litigation

Privacy and Cybersecurity

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### Industries

Aerospace, Defense, and  
Government Services

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### Areas of focus

Contract Requests for Equitable  
Adjustment, Claims, Disputes (REAs),  
Termination Settlements, and  
Appeals

Classified Information, Security

practice, where he represents clients in bid protest litigation, contract claims and disputes, False Claims Act litigation, government investigations, and complex compliance challenges.

Mike's dedication to the firm's clients has been widely recognized. Mike has repeatedly been named among "America's Leading Business Lawyers" in Government Contracts by *Chambers USA*. Mike received back-to-back "MVP" honors for Government Contracts by *Law360*, and has been recognized by *Legal 500* and *Who's Who Legal* for Government Contracts. In 2015, Mike received a Client's Choice Award for "Excellence in Services" in the Public Procurement category.

## Representative experience

Achieved summary judgment and total victory for leading aerospace and defense client in multimillion dollar action filed in U.S. district court.

Successfully represented large aerospace contractor in one of largest bid protests ever filed at Court of Federal Claims.

Defended several Federal Supply Schedule contractors in False Claims Act litigation, resulting in favorable settlements.

Filed successful bid protest at GAO, leading to corrective action and subsequent award of US\$300m+ contract to our client.

Represented government service provider in mandatory disclosure & suspension proceedings before several agencies and offices of inspector general.

Guided commercial company through government contracts compliance gap assessment and compliance program buildout.

Obtained GAO sustains of two related bid protests for government security contractor on contracts to be

Clearance Counseling and Appeals, Foreign Ownership Control, and Influence Mitigation

Cybersecurity for ADG Companies

Domestic Preference and Buy American Laws

False Claims Act and Qui Tam

Government Contracts-related False Claims Act, Qui Tam, and Other Misconduct Investigations

Schedule Contracting

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., The George Washington University Law School, with honors, 1996

B.A., Ursinus College, 1991

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## Memberships

Advisor, Information Technology Alliance for Public Sector

Member, Advisory Board, BNA Federal Contracts Report publication

Member, Advisory Board, Pubklaw.com

Member, Editorial Board, Public Contract Law Journal, American Bar Association

Member, Government Procurement Industry Advisory Board, George Washington University Law School

performed in Iraq & Afghanistan.

Represented and supported client in all aspects of data breach investigation, reporting, and interactions with government.

Achieved summary judgment and total victory for leading aerospace and defense client in multi-million dollar action filed in U.S. district court.

Filed successful bid protest at GAO, leading to corrective action and subsequent award of US\$300M-plus contract to our client.

Acquisition by KBR, Inc., of SGT, Inc., a provider of award-winning, high-value engineering, mission operations, scientific, and IT service solutions to federal government agencies.

## Awards and rankings

- Government: Government Contracts: Bid Protests (Nationwide), Spotlight Table, *Chambers USA*, 2014-2018
- Government: Government Contracts (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2011-2017
- Government: Government Contracts, *Legal 500 US*, 2015-2017
- Government Contracts, *Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers*, 2017
- Government Contracts, *Who's Who Legal*, 2015-2018
- "Excellence in Service," Public Procurement, *Client Choice Awards*, 2015
- Government Contracts MVP, *Law360*, 2013-2014

## Latest thinking and events

- Blog Post
  - For Now, DoD Halts Efforts to Change Policy on Progress Payments

Vice Chair, Bid Protest Committee,  
American Bar Association Section of  
Public Contract Law

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Maryland

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## Court admissions

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. District Court, District of  
Columbia

U.S. District Court, District of  
Maryland

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## Accolades

"[He] is knowledgeable about many facets of government contract law. Whether the issue involves False Claims Act violations, ethics reporting disclosures, protests, Inspector General audits or GSA schedule contracting, he is a tremendous resource and offers dependable advice."

*Chambers USA 2017*

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- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - ADG Insights: U.S. government's increased efforts in supply chain integrity *Government Contracts Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - The Trump administration issues its R&D budget priorities for FY 2020
- Blog Post
  - Legislative and regulatory update on federal supply chain risk management
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - Forum on Government Procurement Law
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - Trends in Fraud and False Claims

"Mike has consistently provided very well-thought-out legal positions for our company, and does so in real time."

*Client Choice*

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"An expert on compliance and contract disputes."

*Legal 500*

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