

## Thomas L. McGovern III

Senior Counsel  
Washington, D.C.

### Biography

Tom McGovern entered the world of government contracts as a U.S. Air Force officer in 1979. He worked part time for Stanford's contracts and grants office while in law school from 1984 to 1987, then joined the firm shortly after graduation.

For his first 20 years at the firm, Tom remained active in the Air Force Reserve, retiring as a colonel in 2007; his last assignment was in the Air Force Senate Liaison Office. Today, Tom builds off that experience as he handles high-stakes cases for major defense and aerospace contractors, information technology companies, and research institutions.

A litigator and a leader in the firm's Government Contracts practice, Tom handles all types of government contract matters, including bid protests, disputes and claims, termination settlements, misconduct investigations, and suspension and debarment cases. He is well known for his bid protest work before the Court of Federal Claims, Government Accountability Office (GAO), and FAA Office of Disputes Resolution for Acquisition. He represents clients in contract dispute cases before the Court of Federal Claims and Boards of Contract Appeals, as well as in prime and subcontractor disputes before federal district and state courts.



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### Practices

Government Contracts

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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

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In addition to litigating, Tom advises clients on numerous other procurement-related matters, including subcontracts, teaming agreements, suspension and debarment matters, schedule contract compliance issues, small and minority-owned business programs, personal and facility security clearances, information assurance obligations, and defense of qui tam lawsuits. He regularly teams with partners in the firm's white-collar practice on significant procurement misconduct cases.

## Awards and rankings

- Government Contracts, *Who's Who Legal*, 2015-2018
- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2017-2019
- Government Contracts, *Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers*, 2013-2018
- Government: Government Contracts: Bid Protests (Nationwide), Spotlight Table, *Chambers USA*, 2012-2019
- Government: Government Contracts (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2006-2017
- Top Lawyers, Government Contracts, *Washingtonian Magazine*, 2013-2018
- Public Procurement, *Who's Who Legal*, 2014-2016
- Government: Government Contracts, Leading Lawyer, *Legal 500 US*, 2015-2019
- Law360, MVP of the Year, 2014

## Latest thinking and events

- Awards and Rankings
  - Hogan Lovells continues growth and recognition in 2019 Legal 500 U.S. rankings
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - DOL Sex Discrimination Final Rule for Federal

## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., Stanford Law School, with distinction, 1987

M.B.A., Babson College, with distinction, 1982

B.S., United States Air Force Academy, 1979

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### Memberships

Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Member, Government Contracts and Litigation Section, Bar Association of the District of Columbia, 2008-present

Member, Law360's Government Contracts Editorial Advisory Board

Past Co-chair, Contract Claims and Disputes Committee, American Bar Association, 2003-2007

Past Co-chair, Homeland Security Committee, American Bar Association, 2008-2010

Vice-Chair, ABA CCDRC, 2008-present

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### Bar admissions and qualifications

California

District of Columbia

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### Court admissions

## Contractors *Employment Alert*

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - "Pay Transparency" Final Rule Bans Government Contractor Pay Secrecy Practices *Employment and Government Contracts Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Executive Order Establishes Paid Sick Leave for Federal Contractors and Subcontractors *Labor and Employment Alert*
- Blog Post
  - Pending Proposals and the Purchase or Sale of a Government Contractor: What are the Bid Protest Risks?
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U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

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 very experienced and has good insights into how the government will react. [He is] very bright, knowledgeable, creative, candid, and he has great connections."

*Chambers USA 2017*

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"Thomas McGovern is developing a strong reputation in the cyber security field. He is a good litigator and good with dealing with the government. He also receives praise for his very methodical approach to matters."

*Chambers 2015*

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