



Government Contracts

Our Government Contracts Practice is led by former senior government officials with extensive experience in federal procurement and government transactions. We guide clients through all aspects of government contract negotiations, including intellectual property rights, commercial item status, flow-down clauses, and General Services Administration Schedule compliance. Our team has deep expertise in cybersecurity requirements, FOCI (Foreign Ownership, Control, or Influence), and export controls. We protect client interests in enforcement actions, investigations, litigation, bid protests, and other proceedings, often using alternative dispute resolution for efficient outcomes. We bring significant experience in white-collar defense, internal investigations, and False Claims Act (FCA) matters, allowing us to navigate complex government contracts challenges effectively.

PRACTICE AT A GLANCE

- **Bid protests:** WilmerHale brings both stellar litigation experience and in-depth understanding of federal procurement law to the bid protest arena. The specialized nature of these proceedings and the accelerated schedules under which they are conducted require that bid protest counsel have a thorough understanding of both substantive and procedural law.
- **National security:** The firm excels at the intersection of government contracts and national security, offering considerable experience in key national security areas affecting government contractors, such as cybersecurity, FOCI, supply chain security, and export and defense trade controls. We also advise on the handling of cyber incidents under federal agency contracts.
- **Defense industry:** Our Government Contracts Practice has a high degree of penetration within the crucial US defense industry and our clients include many of the leading players.
- **Government IP rights:** WilmerHale excels at the intersection of government contracts and intellectual property—crucial for clients in technology and defense industries.
- **Government contract investigations:** As a growing part of our practice, our lawyers help government contractors navigate high-stakes inquiries—often involving billions of dollars—by bringing together the best of our government contracts, white-collar defense, and FCA practices.

“The depth, experience and knowledge of WilmerHale provides strong value on highly complicated issues.”

— *Chambers USA 2025*

“The team keeps the business objective in mind.”

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EXPERIENCE

- Represented a **major defense contractor** in parallel with FCA criminal investigations by the Department of Justice (DOJ) into allegations related to procurement integrity and other violations, including bribery and price-fixing, arising out of the procurement performance of large government contracts over several years.
- Represented a **top defense contractor** in parallel FCA and criminal investigations by the DOJ related to bidding, financial reporting and accounting practices.
- Represented a **market-leading company** in parallel FCA and criminal investigations by the DOJ, congressional inquiries and hearings, and Department of Defense (DoD) inquiries, and conducted a related internal investigation.
- Conducted international internal investigations implicating the FCA, the Anti-Kickback Act, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and other issues for a **major defense contractor**.
- Represented a **leading engineering and construction company** in a FCA investigation by the DOJ related to a DoD contract.
- Represented a **software company** in civil litigation against the United States arising from the Navy's unauthorized copying of the company's software.
- Represented a **major defense contractor** in a DOJ investigation related to labor mapping in connection with a DoD contract.

AREAS OF FOCUS

- We represent many of the leading companies within the defense industry including **General Dynamics, Northrop Grumman, L3Harris, and General Electric**, which are four of the top 10 largest US defense contractors.
- We take on the challenging, complex world of federal procurement and government transactions.
- We offer preeminent experience in key national security areas affecting government contractors.
- We have a strong litigation background that complements our regulatory prowess.
- We take a pragmatic approach to problem-solving.

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